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The End Of
The Strike

THE dock strike is over—for the time being. The northern diehards who were responsible for it lasting as long as it did agreed to return to work yesterday in a mood of sullen defiance, having achieved nothing by their recalcitrance during the last six weeks. The NASD of which the striking dockers were members, has been left badly weakened as a result, discredited in the eyes of the union movement, torn by internal schisms, and with a bank account that must be pretty nearly in the red.

The strike arose out of a dispute with the giant Transport and General Workers Union over the right of the small upstart NASD to be represented on northern port committees. At that time—as now—the TGWU was the only union represented. The position is different in London where the NASD has established a foothold.

EMPLOYERS wisely washed their hands of the argument and left it to the Unions concerned to determine the composition of these committees. The TGWU indignantly refused to consider the claim, and retaliated by demanding the return of 10,000 of its members which it alleged the NASD had "poached" from its ranks in the north last year. The TUC supported Goliath and David was reprimanded for playing with catapults.

After four weeks, the first signs of a collapse in the strike appeared. Realising the futility of prolonging the dispute, the London executive of the NASD agreed to abide by TUC arbitration and was readmitted to its membership (from which it was banned last autumn) on the promise that the "poached" members would be given back to the TGWU.

The northern NASD leaders murmured angrily of treachery for the effect of a decision to relinquish the 10,000 men could only be substantially to weaken their claim to representation on the port committees. The northern dockers marched on London to whip up new support for their case. And the general secretary, Mr Barrett resigned claiming he had been against the strike from the start.

NOW the north has decided to return to work but the leaders refuse to surrender any of their "poached" members. The dispute therefore reverts to the position that existed before the strike began except that now the northern branches will have to fight their own battles at their own expense. If they can afford it they may revive the grievance later and there is talk of a break with the London executive in the meantime.

True, there has been little sympathy for the strikers, but if there is general gratification over what is a classic example of thieves falling out over their spoils, there must be wide regret that this process of self-destruction has been so costly to Britain's good name abroad. Vital exports—particularly textiles—have been held up. And shippers now generally agree that British ports are unreliable. In the serious effect this may have on the trade drive, there lies the real tragedy of the strike.

He Accepts
The Task



Professor Segni, 64-year-old Christian Democrat, leaves the Quirinale Palace, Rome, after accepting the task of trying to form a new Italian Government.—London Express.

Segni To Issue
An Ultimatum

Rome, July 3.

Professor Antonio Segni, Italy's new leftwing Christian Democrat premier-designate, will tomorrow deliver a 24-hour ultimatum to the Liberal Party threatening to form a government without them unless they accept his terms.

Professor Segni, aged 64, is the main architect of Italy's land reform, and although a staunch Catholic, is regarded as being more leftwing than any Italian Premier in the last eight years.

He was charged last night by the President of the Republic with forming a new four-party centre coalition by Tuesday night.

The parties forming the coalition would be the Christian Democrats, Social Democrats, Liberals and Republicans. It was understood that the Cabinet was already virtually made except for formal Liberal acceptance of some points of Professor Segni's programme.

MAY DEFT LEADERS

Some leading members of the Liberal Party have already threatened that they will in any case offer to join the Cabinet if their party executive refuses to compromise.

In response to one major Liberal objection—that a Segni Cabinet may be less wholeheartedly pro-Western than Italian governments of the past eight years—Professor Segni offered to retain the outgoing Liberal Foreign Minister, Professor Gaetano Martino.

Other Liberal objections, still unresolved, were to Professor Segni's intention to improve land tenure conditions for "share-croppers" and tenant farmers, to limit foreign exploitation of Italy's newly discovered petrol resources and to increase government spending by giving

STUNT PILOT
CRASHES

Florence, Italy, July 3. A German stunt pilot, Max Schwabe, crashed before the horrified eyes of several hundred school children today during an air show at Peretola, Airfield.

Schwabe, flying a two-seater German "Glen" plane, performed acrobatics about 100 metres over the field and made several low dives to within a few metres of the ground. Trying another low zoom he failed to pull out. The plane piled up just off the main runway.—United Press.

DOCK STRIKE OVER

Back To Work
Decision By
Northerners

TWO CONDITIONS BY
LIVERPOOL MEN

Liverpool, July 3.

About 7,000 dockers voted at a Liverpool meeting tonight to resume work tomorrow, heralding the end of the strike which has hit six English ports for the past six weeks.

Only about 200 hands were raised against the decision.

The Merseyside men provided the nerve centre of the dispute and until tonight had resisted pressure from their London colleagues to call off the strike which sought in vain to get the Stevedores Union a voice in the hiring of dock labour wherever it had members.

At Hull on the northeast coast, a mass meeting tonight also decided to restart work tomorrow.

The Liverpool meeting voted overwhelmingly to resume work but attached two conditions: one that they should remain members of the Stevedores Union, and two, that nobody should be victimised.

The second condition is a common form in ending British industrial disputes but the bid to remain members of the Stevedores Union defies the decision of trade union leaders who last week arbitrated in the inter-union wrangle.

The arbitrators ruled that the union must give up the estimated 10,000 members it

has recruited since last year in five ports outside London. Bitter words flew hard through tonight's 90-minute meeting. Delegates—who had returned North after taking part in "peace talks" in London—the action of their executive in ordering a return to work as "treacherous".

The dispute flared up last autumn when the giant Transport and General Workers Union accused the stevedores of "poaching" its members outside London, where the stevedores had long been established. They were expelled from the Trades Union Congress.

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River Bridge
Collapses

New York, July 3.

Cables supporting a foot bridge snapped on Sunday and tossed three score shrieking fun-seekers into the rock-strewn bed of the Oconee River two miles north of Cherokee, North Carolina, on the Cherokee-Indian reservation.

The crash killed a woman, tentatively identified as Mrs. Agnes Hall, 35, of Dalsey, Tennessee. One witness said she apparently struck her head on a rock. About 40 persons were hurt, several critically. Nineteen persons were sent to hospital, two in critical condition, and nine other persons received dispensary treatment and were released.—Associated Press.

Heathrow To
Waterloo By
Helicopter

BEA Experiment

London, July 3.

British European Airways is bringing helicopters into service at the end of this month to speed up travel between its London air terminal and Britain's international airport at Heathrow.

This project is aimed at cutting down the wasteful time-lag from terminal to airport by road. At present, it takes some 10 minutes for coaches to wind their way through heavy traffic. The new air shuttle service will take only 20 minutes.

But it will be a rich man's or a busy businessman's way of saving time. Instead of the usual coach fee of five shillings, he will have to pay 35 shillings.

ANCHOR AND CABLE

British European Airways, who have been authorised to fly out of the capital by following the course of the River Thames, have been ordered to equip their helicopters with a sea anchor and cable.

This provision has been made in case a helicopter is forced to "drift" in the Thames and to avoid the danger of collision with shipping.

These helicopters are fitted with inflated rubber floats for alighting on both water and land.

During the early stages of this form of transport, only helicopters with a carrying capacity of four passengers will be employed. But the company stated that if the idea catches on with modern-minded air passengers, they will later employ twin-engined helicopters capable of carrying up to 40 passengers.—France-Press.

One Trouble
After Another

Los Angeles, July 3.

Troubles piled up, one on top of the other, for Lucia E. Robinson.

First his car rolled off a hillside parking lot, plunged part way over a three-foot wall and struck a light pole.

Robinson called for a breakdown truck. It urged in vain.

He called another truck. With success in sight, the second truck's cable snapped and it plunged backward—right on top of Robinson's car.

Robinson crossed his fingers as a third truck was summoned. It succeeded.

Nobody was hurt—but Robinson's feelings, not to mention his car, were badly bruised.—Associated Press.

ANGRY WOMAN
FIRES HOUSE

Bari, Italy, July 2.

A young mother of four children, angered by her father's refusal to lend her money to decorate her home and by receiving a smaller dowry than her sister's, set fire to her house, police reported.

She surrendered to the police after setting fire to each room in the house. Five engines put out the blaze. She has been charged with arson.—China Mail Special.

Mt Etna
Signals
Eruption
Threat

Catania, Sicily, July 3.

Mount Etna belched flames and rock 400 feet above its thundering crater today, terrifying thousands of peasants who feared Europe's loftiest volcano was beginning a major eruption.

The authorities took up a 24-hour watch.

Dread lava dripped from the jagged summit of the volcano, which has killed an estimated 1,000,000 persons in 500 eruptions since its disasters were recorded.

The 10,755-foot volcano began its latest eruption four days ago. Frightened peasants started nervously at the mountain top, where an ominous red glow showed thousands of tons of incandescent lava boiling inside the crater for four days, were slowly overflowing the crater. There was no telling where it might stop.

ROCKS THROWN UP

The experts said there were no definite signs yet of a major eruption like the disaster that wiped out the evacuated village of Mascalucia in 1923. But the volcano was belching incandescent rocks as high as 400 feet into the sky. Most of them were falling back into the crater, but others crashed down the barren slopes, where they are studied only with rare jumper bushes.

Thick black smoke billowing from Mount Etna's northeastern crater made observation difficult. The weather station at Catania's Fontana Rossa (Red Mountain) airport established radio contact with the observatory on top of the mountain but said it had no precise information yet from the men up there.

Fire smoke and flying stones could be seen from Linguaglossa, a village 10 miles northeast of the mountain top.

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Befriended
Man Slays
Family

TWO WOMEN AND
A BOY

Galveston, Texas, July 3.

An American airman absent without leave, sat apparently unconcerned in his jail cell on Sunday after admitting he had shot to death three members of a Dickinson, Texas, family who had befriended him.

He has also admitted he shot and robbed a gasoline station attendant.

District Attorney Markene Johnson, Jr., said the man, Ellis E. Lathum, had signed a statement that he had shot Mrs. Ruby McPherson, 44, her mother, Mrs. Zola Norman, 63, and her son, George, 12, to death at Dickinson on June 22 and that three charges of first degree murder had been filed against him.

Others quoted Lathum as saying he shot the members of the Dickinson family to death in their beds because he feared they might turn him over to the Air Force for being absent without leave.

MEXICO ARREST

Lathum was arrested in Nogales, Mexico, when he attempted to sell a car belonging to Mrs. McPherson. Found on him at the time were two rings which have been identified as belonging to Mrs. McPherson and a 22-calibre pistol. Officers here said the Dickinson family was slain by bullets from a 22 calibre weapon.

The blond, 6 feet, 150 pound airman appeared nonchalant as he had his coat of coffee and roll in his cell.

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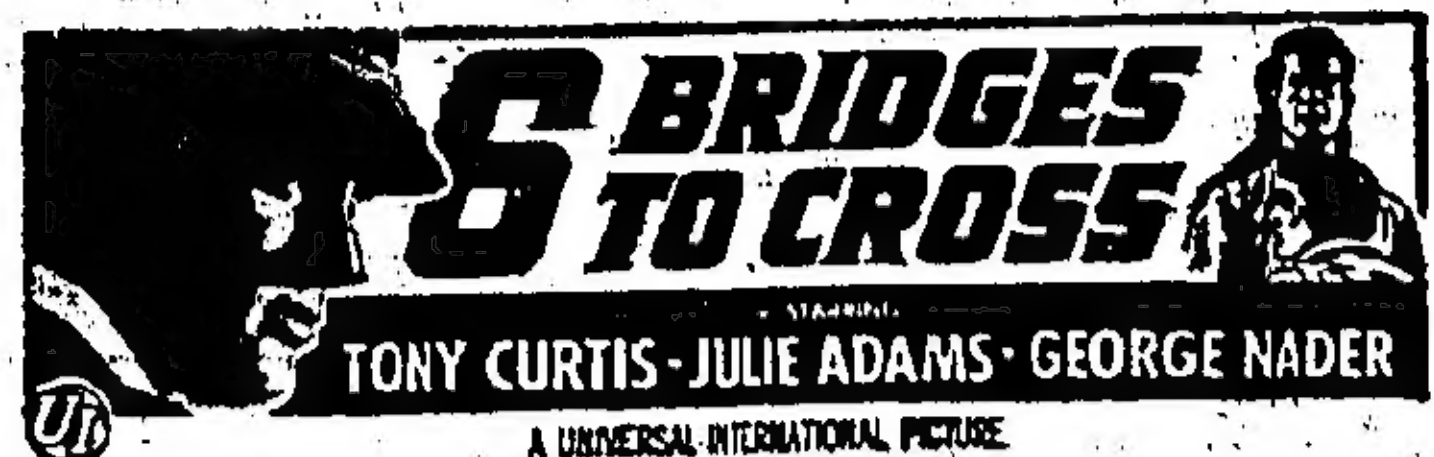
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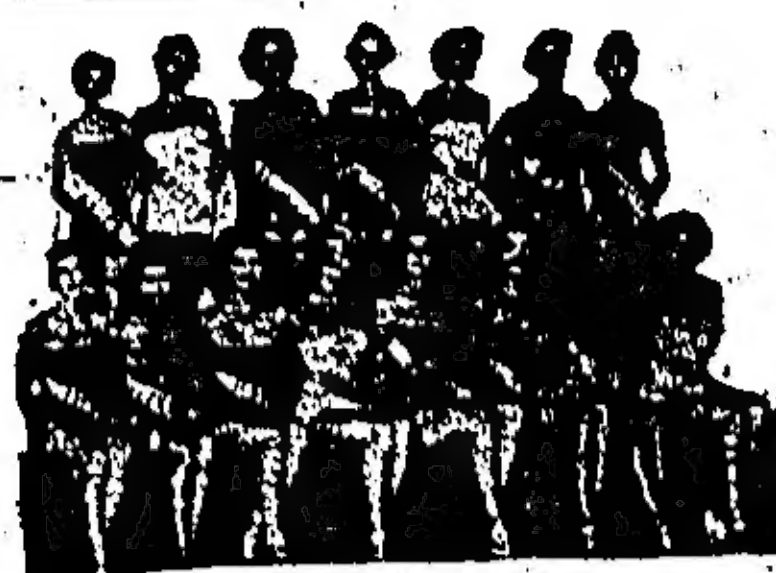
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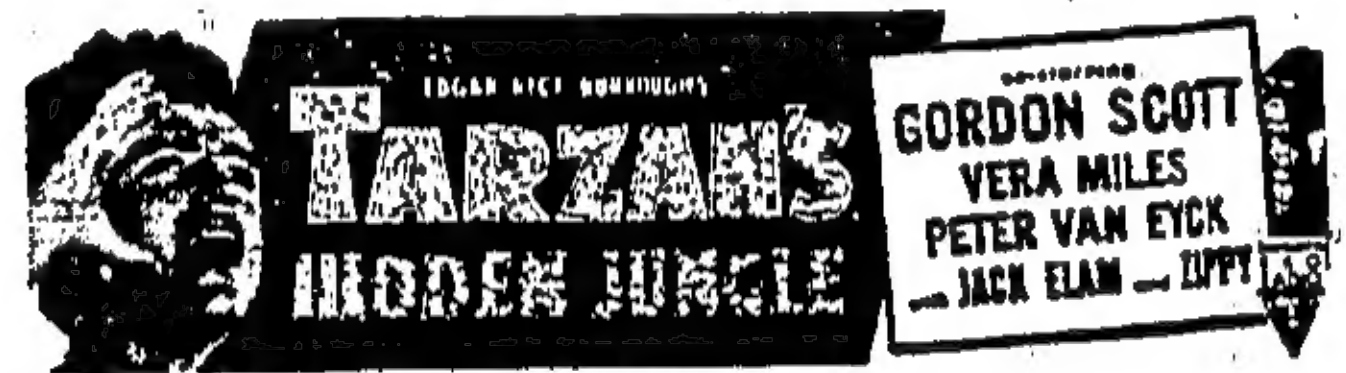
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AGRICULTURAL SITUATION
IMPORTANT
AT GENEVA

Washington, July 3.

Latin American diplomatic circles speculated today that the world agricultural situation will be an important background factor at the Big Four conference in Geneva, which might be an incentive toward reduction of international political tensions.

These experts consider that the presently insufficient production of grain and livestock in Communist bloc countries and the simultaneous trend toward huge surpluses in several Western Nations are two factors which could not be ignored in any realistic attempt to improve East-West relations.

They doubt that either Soviet Russia or the United States will significantly relax its established political and security programmes at Geneva, but think that logical aftermath of the meeting might be a gradual attempt to ease East-West trade relations. Such relaxations would be welcomed in some Latin American Republics, which already conduct considerable trade with Soviet Russia and its satellites through bilateral arrangements.

EFFECTIVE PROGRESS

Some Latin American countries also welcome effective progress at the Geneva conference toward unification of Germany, as this would potentially point to a larger German market for Latin American foods such as coffee and industrial raws such as metals and fibres.

Latin American experts speculate that the Russians might expediently make some gesture at Geneva designed to obtain Western co-operation in expansion of Russian agricultural production. It is a well-known fact that Russia has become a net importer of grains, and livestock products instead of a net exporter as a quarter century ago.

Conceding Russia's great gains in manufacturing industries, it is believed Russia must look to expansion of foods, fibres and fats for sustenance of its expanding population. Soviet representatives at Geneva would therefore presumably be disposed to establish an international situation conducive to agrarian technological co-operation—as already indicated by plans for a mission to study United States corn production.

They would also be anxious to relax East-West trade barriers to assure availability of agricultural imports during the interim period until Soviet production expands.

Such a Soviet approach to Geneva would presumably inspire favourable reactions in the British Commonwealth countries and some Latin American countries which are anxious for greater freedom of international trade in agricultural commodities. It would therefore open a field of possible bargaining in the long follow-up of study and exploration after the Geneva meeting.

While Latin American speculation cannot anticipate United States reactions if Soviet Russia injects the agricultural topic at Geneva, experts take into account several basic factors which might become pertinent:

Firstly, United States Government agencies already have overruled exceeding \$7,250,000,000 in price-support commodities of which actual Government-owned products are worth about \$4,000,000,000. The total amount is expected to reach at least \$10,000,000,000 before the tide can turn.

Secondly, agricultural and political opinion in the United States is still unstable concerning the long-term operation of farm price-support programmes, as for example whether flexible or rigid guarantees of price level to farmers. This will again become an issue in the 1956 national political campaign.

Thirdly, a desire to expand United States agricultural exports has been constant motivation in congressional discussion of farm problem in recent months.

Latin Americans therefore speculate that if political tensions are eased by events at the Geneva conference, the East-West trade in farm commodities would be a logical field for continued analysis and future international negotiations. —United Press.

Royal Visit To Norway



Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh are pictured during their State visit to Norway on a visit to the Folk Museum where they saw a display of Folk Dancing performed by children in national costume. Pictured above: H. M. The Queen seen holding two dolls presented to her by two children at the Folk Museum. With her are King Haakon of Norway and the Duke of Edinburgh. —Express Photo.

Must Remarry To
Get Into S'pore

Singapore, July 3.

A young Japanese woman, Teruko Aoki, who until recently was working in the film censors office in Tokyo and married on May 1, has to remarry soon if she is to join her Chinese husband in Singapore.

A Singapore commercial assistant, Lim Eng Heng, 29, is leaving for Tokyo sometime this month to remarry his Japanese wife because of British red tape in Singapore and carelessness on the part of a clerk in the British Embassy in Tokyo.

Explaining his dilemma, Lim said he and his wife were married before they met in Tokyo where he visited last April on a business and pleasure trip. Miss Aoki met him at the station, and he fell in love with her at first sight. He proposed and she accepted. They were married by a Japanese priest according to Shinto rites on May 1.

WRONG INFORMATION
Lim said he checked with the British Embassy in Tokyo about bringing his wife home to Singapore and a Japanese clerk gave him the wrong information. He was told he could get married and apply for his wife's entry visa from the Government at Singapore. On his return here the immigration authorities told him that a marriage by Shinto rites was not recognised by the British Government and he had to go back and marry his wife again at the British Embassy in Tokyo.

Lim was stuck dumb because it would cost him 5,000 Malayan dollars to overcome the red tape and this is a lot of money for a commercial assistant. Nevertheless the burning love for his wife—they were married

only two months—drove Lim to a big saving campaign and now he is all set financially to visit Tokyo for his second marriage and to bring his wife here.

Miss Aoki meanwhile had given up her job at the film censors office in preparation for her trip to Singapore. She was disappointed when her husband wrote her on the immigration "log." —United Press.

HOLIDAY
DEATH TOLL
MOUNTS

Chicago, July 3.

A rising toll of accidental deaths on Sunday marked Americans' observance of their Independence Day weekend. Traffic mishaps killed at least 156 persons from 6 p.m. local time Friday to 4 p.m. Sunday, a survey showed. Thirty-nine drownings and 50 fatalities in all other types of accidents brought the overall toll to 208.

Mr. Ned H. Dearborn, President of the National Safety Council said that a pre-holiday estimate by Council engineers that 300 persons would be killed in traffic by midnight on Monday likely will prove too conservative.

Last Fourth of July—also a three-day holiday—killed 348 in traffic. The toll from all accidents, including 192 drownings, was 623. —Associated Press.

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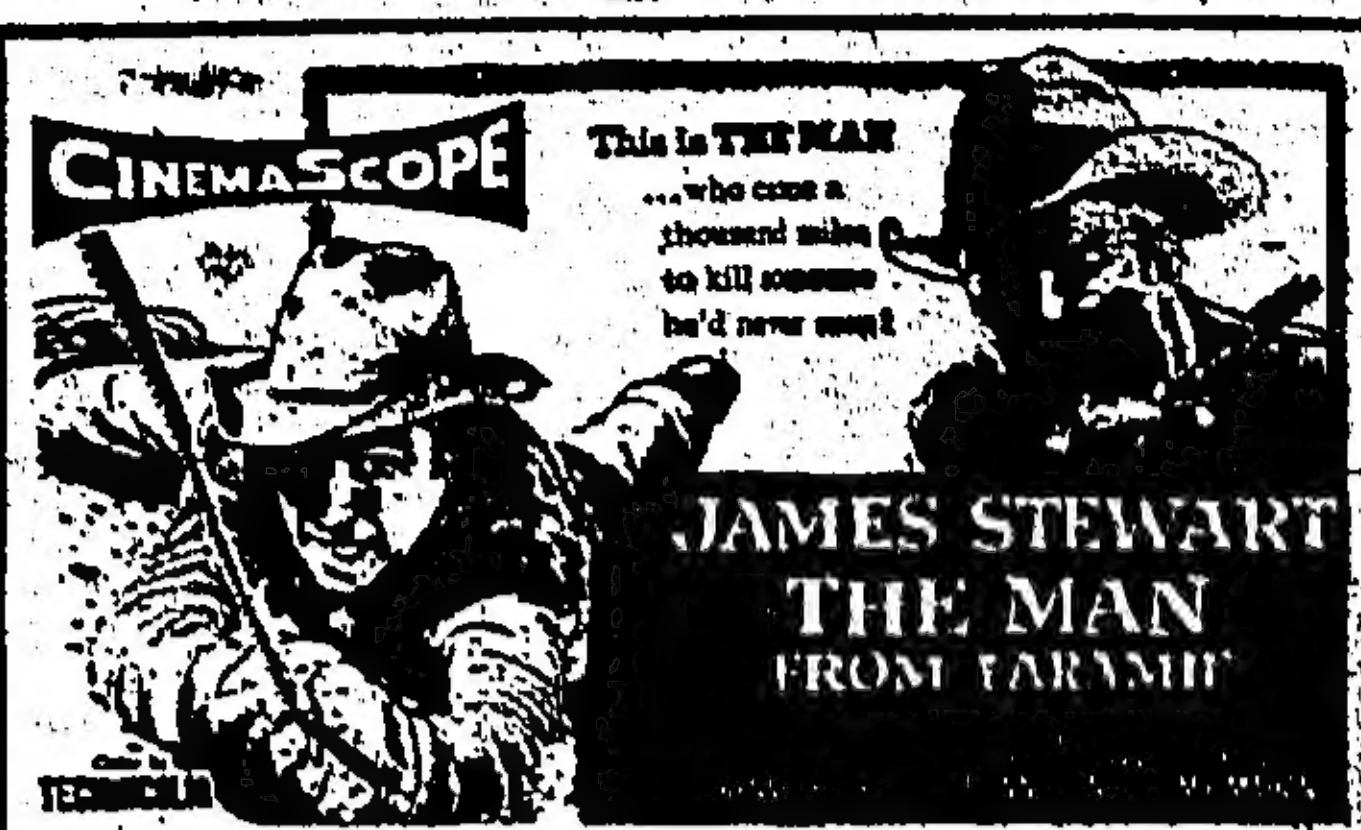
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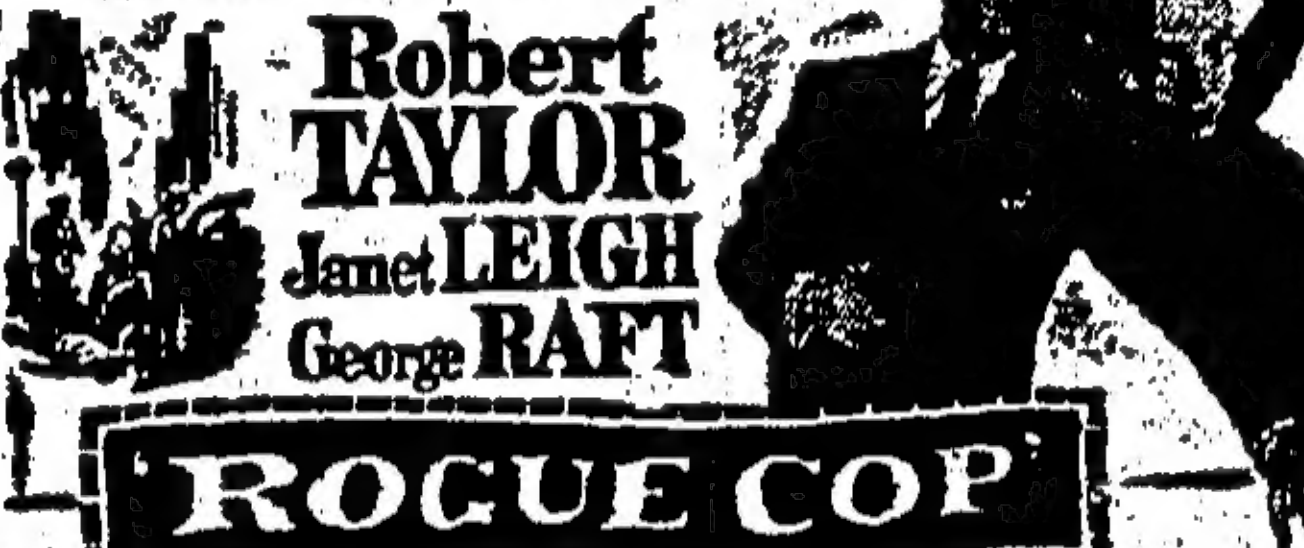
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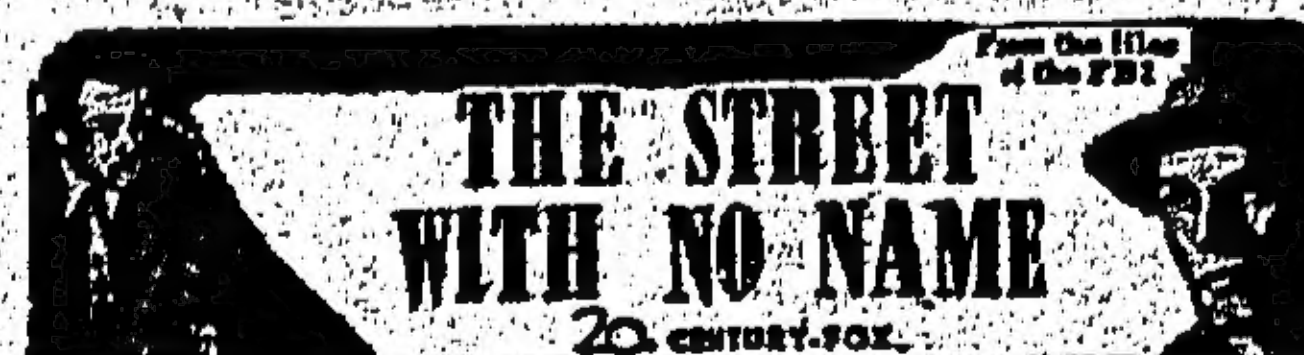
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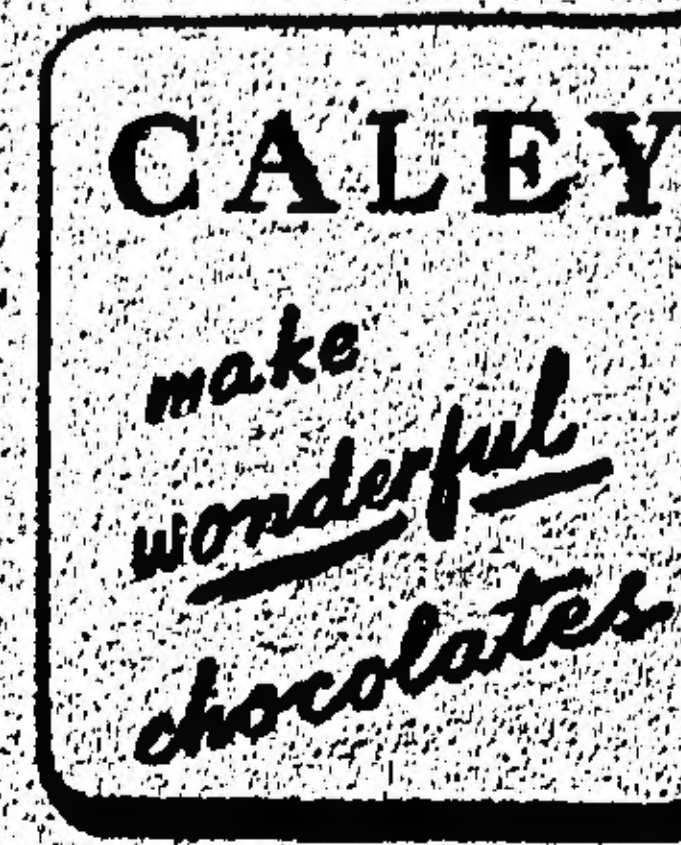
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COMMANDOS CHASING

BA CUT Operations In Southwest Thailand MOVE TO STOP ARMS TRAFFIC



Faisal Visits Turkey

Istanbul, July 3. King Faisal of Iraq accompanied by the President of the Turkish Republic, Dhalal Bayar, arrived here this evening from Zonguldak, where he visited a coal mine.

The Turkish destroyer Giris carrying the two state leaders, and also Crown Prince Abdulah and the Iraqi Prime Minister, Nouri Said Pasha, was greeted with a salute of 42 guns on his arrival at Istanbul. —France-Press.

Indonesian Army Will Negotiate

Djakarta, July 3. Indonesian army chiefs have decided to negotiate with the Government to attempt to settle the dispute which started when the army refused to accept Major-General Bambang Utuyo as its new Chief-of-Staff, an army communication said today.

The communiqué, which was published after a four-day conference of army chiefs, reaffirmed the army's loyalty to the Government but said it was "forced to act" in the dispute to "prevent encroachment from endangering the army's unity."

Yesterday, the Indonesian Cabinet appointed a four-man commission to attempt to settle the dispute.

The commission included Premier Ali Sastroamidjojo, Deputy Premier Zaimul Arifin, Defence Minister Iwa Kusumadiningrat and the Information Minister, Ferdinand Tobing.

Tomorrow, the Legislature will debate a non-confidence motion brought against the Government. —France-Press.

Saigon, July 3. Premier Ngo Dinh Diem today threw fresh naval reinforcements into his drive to snuff out rebel power in South Vietnam's extreme southwest corner on the Gulf of Siam.

The Government sources said 800 naval commandos were on their way to Rachgia on the southwest coast to prevent the forces of the Hoa Hao sect general, Ba Cut, from escaping by sea and to interrupt the arms traffic between Ba Cut and Thailand.

A patrol vessel transferred by France to the Vietnamese Navy also was headed for Rachgia.

GIVE UP

The Vietnamese Ministry of Information announced that a Hoa Hao unit of unspecified size was ready to give up and that a Government delegation was negotiating its surrender at Rachgia.

The Ministry claimed yesterday that Ba Cut and his fellow Hoa Hao General, Tran Van Soai, themselves had surrendered. However, a Ministry spokesman today said this was not so and the announcement had been due to "an error in editing."

Ba Cut is thought to have still 5,000 to 6,000 men in this "Wild West" region where Cambodia, South Vietnam and the Gulf of Siam meet. This is the region known as the Seven Mountains.

With Ba Cut are Soai and probably Soai's wife, the four-some Lehi Gam, nicknamed "The Strangler" and commander of a corps of women warriors who specialise in the dagger and sword.

Several hundred persons demonstrated in Saigon today in favour of the release of the leaders of a Communist-line group, called "The movement for the protection of life and property of populations." Its leaders were gaoled 15 days ago. Police broke up today's demonstrations with shots in the

air, wounded a demonstrator and arrested a number of others.

The movement was started to obtain payment from the Government for "war" damage incurred during Saigon's brief civil war last April. —United Press.

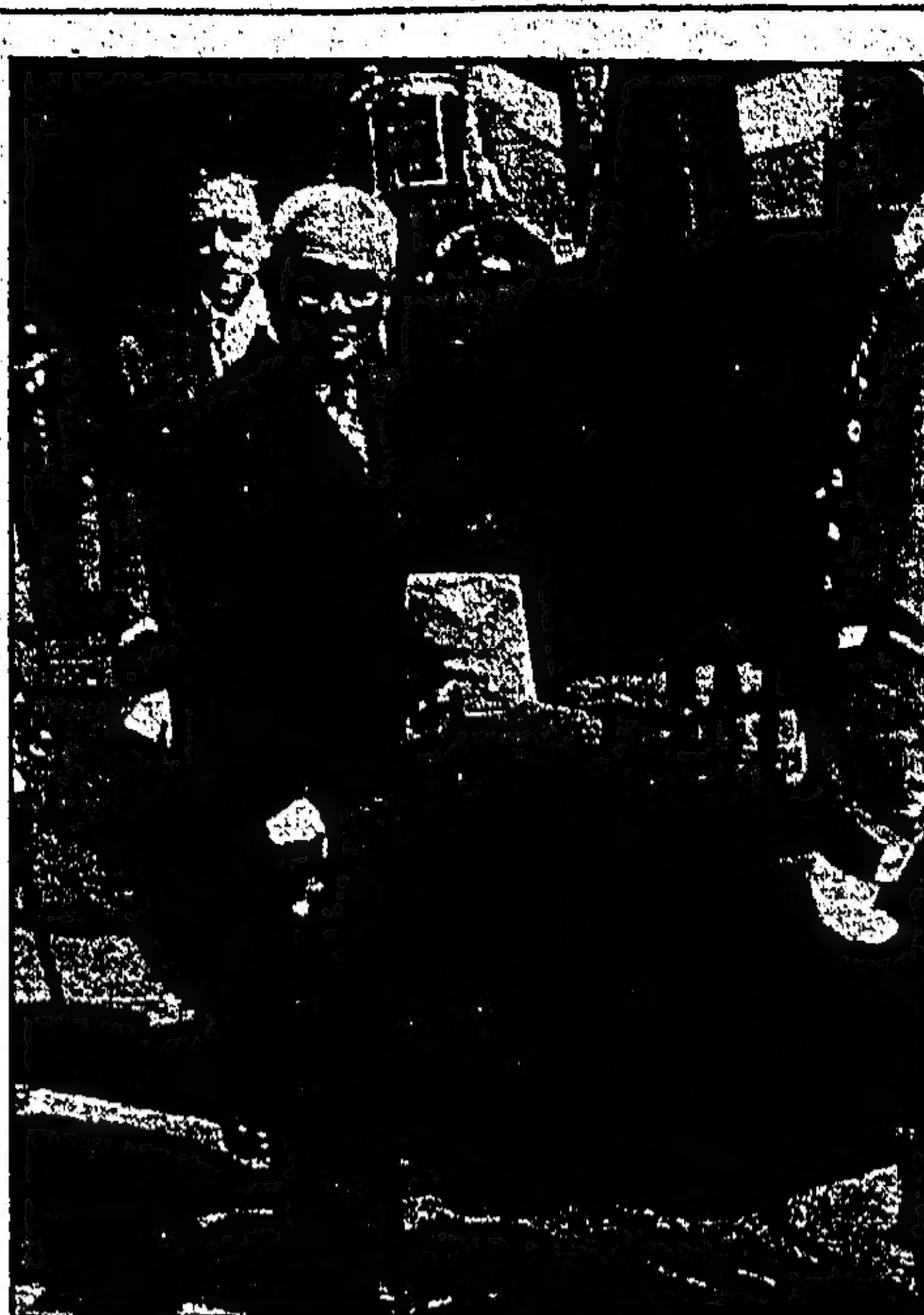
Supermarket Reindeer Electrocutes Youth

Philadelphia, July 3. A city wide inspection of coin-operated "reindeer" rides was ordered today after a three-year-old boy was electrocuted when he came in contact with a reindeer ride outside a supermarket.

Donald Nagel, son of Harry Nagel, an employee of the Naval Station Supply Depot, went to the market with his mother, Marie, on Friday.

Witnesses said the boy was watching other children riding the coin-operated machines when he suddenly collapsed. A police car rushed Donald to Franklin Hospital where he was pronounced dead. An autopsy revealed he died of electric shock.

Authorities requested owners and operators of such machines to disconnect them immediately until they could be inspected by the staff of the city's Electrical Bureau. Anthony Capriotti, chief inspector for the Electrical Bureau, said the "reindeer" machine was not properly grounded. A frayed electric cord made contact with a metal housing, he said. —United Press.



Leaving his London residence on the way to Buckingham Palace is Mr. Haruhiko Nishi, newly-appointed Japanese Ambassador to Australia, going to present his credentials to the Queen. Mr. Nishi, who is 62, was formerly Japanese Ambassador to Australia. —Reuterphoto.

Diplomats Prepare For Geneva

By Paul Scott Rankine

Washington, July 3.

Western diplomats and the Soviet Ambassador in Washington, Mr. Georgi Zarubin, expect to complete this week the final technical and administrative arrangements for the Big Four "summit" conference in Geneva.

Mr. Zarubin has been discussing with State Department counsellor, Mr. Douglas MacArthur, the British Ambassador, Sir Roger Makins, and the French Charge D'Affaires, the establishment of a joint secretariat in Geneva to be responsible for the administrative arrangements, including such questions as interpretations and seating.

They expect to meet again this week after Mr. Zarubin has had final instructions from Moscow.

JOINT SECRETARIAT

The question of a joint secretariat was about the only problem left by the Big Four Foreign Ministers at their talks in San Francisco. They are expected to discuss the question before the Geneva conference, which opens on July 18.

The United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, will be host to the conference on behalf of the United Nations, but the Four Powers are expected to set up a secretariat of their own to handle the administration.

Meanwhile, consultations are continuing between the three Western Powers on the position they will take at Geneva on such questions as disarmament and German unification. An expert group from the three governments is due to meet in Paris on July 8 to prepare recommendations and working papers for joint consideration by their Foreign Ministers.

According to present plans, the three Western Foreign Ministers will meet in Paris on July 15, the day before the Foreign Ministers of the North Atlantic Treaty nations meet there to review questions to be discussed at Geneva.

On July 17, the day before the conference starts, the Big Three heads of government—President Eisenhower, Sir Anthony Eden and M. Edgar Faure—plan a preliminary meeting in Geneva to coordinate the strategy which they will follow. —Reuter.

SOEKARNO TO VISIT IRAQ

Bagdad, July 3.

The Indonesian President, Ahmad Soekarno, has accepted an invitation from the Government of Iraq to pay a formal visit to Bagdad en route to Mecca for a pilgrimage, well informed sources said here today.

President Soekarno, who will be the first Indonesian President to visit Bagdad, is due to arrive here on July 18 and leave again on July 19, it was also stated. —France-Press.

Cross Channel By Parachute

Paris, July 3. Naudin, 33-year-old accountant, plans to cross the English Channel by parachute later this month.

The accountant, using a specially-made parachute, drifted for eight miles across country in 21 minutes yesterday in a practice drop.

A veteran of the Allied airborne landing in Sicily 12 years ago, he plans to drop from his plane about 23,000 feet over the Kent coast and land on French soil 45 minutes later. He had made a long study of winds and weather conditions over the channel. —China Mail Special.

MONTE CARLO CRISIS CABINET MEMBERS RESIGN

Monte Carlo, July 3. Prince Rainier III has accepted the resignations of several of the Cabinet members and financial advisers, following "difficulties" incurred by one of Monaco's principal banks last week. It was officially announced today.

State Minister Henry Soum said, in a communiqué published today, that he had asked the officials and advisers to resign to ensure an objective investigation of financial obligations made by the Public Treasury.

Earlier reports said the Government officials had advanced some 1,150 million French francs to the bank out of state funds.

Four of Prince Rainier's top financial advisers and Cabinet Director, Arthur Covetto, were suspended last week, following reports that the bank was in a "delicate" financial position. —France-Press.

Saar Plebiscite Expected In October

Saarbrücken, July 3.

M. F. de Housse, the Belgian Chairman of the European Commission to supervise the Saar plebiscite, told journalists here this afternoon he would report to the Ministers' Council of the Western European Union tomorrow.

A communiqué could be expected afterwards.

M. de Housse did not answer a reporter's question whether October 9 would be the day of the plebiscite. But usually well informed quarters here assumed that Sunday October 2 will be the day of the plebiscite provided that the Saarland parliament passed the bills, regulating the plebiscite on the new Saar statute next week and they were approved by the European Commission. —Reuter.

COUNCIL OF EUROPE TALKS Foreign Ministers' Strasbourg Meeting

Strasbourg, July 3.

Foreign Ministers of 14 European countries meet here tomorrow afternoon to take stock of the international situation two weeks before the Big Four conference in Geneva.

Dr Kristinn Gudmundsson of Iceland will preside over the meeting of the Ministerial Committee of the Council of Europe.

Among them are the seven Foreign Ministers of Western European Union, the new alliance set up after the death of the European army project. These Ministers under the Chairmanship of M. Paul Henri Spaak of Belgium are meeting in the morning to discuss WEU problems and prepare a message to the WEU assembly which sits for the first time here on Tuesday.

MEMBERS

The WEU assembly is formed of members of the Council of Europe who belong to the seven WEU countries—Britain, France, Italy, West Germany, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg.

On Tuesday, it will elect a president and fix its rules in the middle of a session of the Council of Europe's consultative assembly which itself is due to hold a full dress political debate on East-West relations on Wednesday.

During Wednesday's debate, Mr Harold Macmillan, British Foreign Secretary, will speak on East-West relations and the recent Austrian State Treaty in the light of apparent Soviet willingness to ease tension.

M. Antoine Pinay of France will discuss Western European Union and M. Spaak will deal with European integration following last month's talks at Messina, Sicily, between the six European Coal and Steel Pool nations—France, Italy, West Germany and the Benelux countries.

The consultative assembly will interrupt its meeting tomorrow at which it will elect a President and hear reports for the inaugural WEU session.

Non-WEU members will retire to the back benches of "Parliament House" in Strasbourg, wooded suburbs while the WEU deputies come to the front of the House.

Representatives of some neutral nations in the Council of Europe, such as Sweden, are expected to leave the House during the WEU meeting. —Reuter.

Minks Stolen

Copenhagen, July 3.

About 500 mink cubs stolen from Danish mink farms during the last month were possibly smuggled across the North Sea to Britain, police here said yesterday.

Cubs worth a total of 250,000 Kroner (about £12,500) have vanished from mink farms in Jutland and the Fuenan Islands during the last year.

Police say they hope to make arrests soon. —China Mail Special.

Adenauer's Son To Marry



A happy picture of Georg Adenauer, the 23-year-old son of the German Federal Chancellor, and Miss Ulla Britta Jeansson, daughter of a Swedish businessman, after announcing they are engaged to be married. —Express Photo.

RICE TRADE BELOW POSTWAR PEAK

Washington, July 3.

According to the Department of Agriculture, international trade in rice in 1954 increased three per cent as compared with the preceding year, but continued below the postwar peak of 1952. Exports, including re-exports, from all countries totalled 10,246 million pounds in terms of milled rice compared with 9,930 million pounds in 1953 and 11,034 million pounds in 1952.

Trade was approximately half the 20,000 million pounds exported annually prior to World War II (average 1939-40).

Despite a small gain in total exports, the general trend in rice trade was somewhat downward. A pronounced increase in shipments of Burma was primarily responsible for the gain in total trade, but rice exports declined in many countries.

FROM BURMA

Exports from Asia increased 1,122 million pounds, of which 1,060 million pounds came from Burma.

Rice exports of the western hemisphere countries were only two-thirds of the year before, and exports and re-exports from the countries of Europe declined 22 per cent.

Increased imports of the two largest importers, Japan and India, brought the total of these importing countries to more than half the world rice imports. India's imports came from Burma while those of Japan originated in countries of Asia, Europe, North America and South America.

Rice was imported into the Philippines to build up stocks, whereas in the year before domestic production was sufficient for all requirements.

COUNTRIES DOWN

On the other hand, imports into several of the countries usually considered to be among Asia's heaviest importers of rice—Malaya, Ceylon, Indonesia, and Hongkong—were the lowest in several years.

Reasons for the declines are: 1. Increased production; 2. Consumption of surplus stocks; and 3. Withholding of purchases because of relatively high prices in exporting countries, especially in the first part of the year.

Total rice imports into Europe increased 24 per cent compared with 1953, and were the largest since World War II. Even so, imports of nearly 1,000 million pounds were only 30 per cent of prewar imports. —France-Press.

Nasser Promises Democratic Regime

Paris, July 3.

Egypt's premier, Gamal Abdel Nasser, pledged a "truly democratic regime" for Egypt in a speech made at a public meeting held at Sohag in Upper Egypt today.

In his speech, which was broadcast by Radio Cairo, monitored here, Col. Nasser said: "We shall not re-establish parliamentary government but we promise you a truly democratic regime."

Col. Nasser urged Egyptians to back the "revolution" to enable it to wipe out "feudalism, capitalism and monopolies" in Egypt.

Other Government chiefs who accompanied Col. Nasser, called on the people to "support and follow the leader of the revolution."

These chiefs included Guided Minister Salah Salem, Minister of War, General Abdel Hakim, and Vice-Premier Gamal Salem.

After the meeting, Col. Nasser handed out titles for some 28,000 acres of land to 3,756 small landholders who will thus benefit from the Government's agrarian reform programme. —France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- Own (5).
 - Formed (6).
 - Vegetable (6).
 - Incursions (5).
 - Threatened (6).
 - Irish girl (7).
 - Snakes (4).
 - Take by surprise (7).
 - Make up (7).
 - Dregs (4).
 - Rubbing out (7).
 - Required (6).
 - Slips sideways (5).
 - Medical man (6).
 - Puts off (6).
 - Went wrong (5).

- DOWN
- Caper (5).
 - Wall decoration (5).
 - Commonplace (5).
 - Plant (4).
 - Clergyman (6).
 - Want of employment (6).
 - Urged (7).
 - Scares (6).
 - Came in (7).
 - Wind instrument (4).
 - Became void (6).
 - Scheme (4).
 - Shut (6).
 - Servant (6).
 - Worship (6).
 - Bury (5).
 - Elected (5).
 - Spot (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Marriage, 8 Till, 9 Reporter, 11 Migrated, 13 Oral, 15 Patients, 18 Disaster, 19 Hens, 21 Precepts, 25 Concrete, 28 Menu, 27 Skiing, Down: 1 Stern, 2 Fog, 4 Abet, 5 Road, 6 Actor, 7 Enrol, 9 Rated, 10 Pests, 12 Rape, 14 Alert, 16 Nitre, 17 Sauce, 19 Hacks, 20 Mince, 21 Pram, 22 Eton, 23 Prey, 24 Snug.

DID IT HAPPEN?

THE VOW of the PANTHER

IT was during the night of June 25 till dawn on June 26, 1934, that I was given the ritual protection of the Panther fetish, Agassou, in the kingdom of Dahomey in French West Africa.

[The fetish consists of learning the meaning of special dances and the taking of an oath in order to receive the protection of the Panther spirit.]

The granting of this protection, the being made as it were an honorary member of the fetish sect, was an act of very special favour from Prince Aho of Ouhagame, the ranking member of the former royal house of Dahomey.

The panther, Agassou, is and always has been the royal fetish, and Prince Aho was able to use his position to overcome the unwillingness of the fetishists to allow a white man to witness any of their more hidden rites or even approach the sacred places hidden in the deep bush some miles from any village.

I and my companion had to consent to be blindfolded on the last stretch of the journey to the sacred place, the "convent," as French-speaking natives call it.

Elaborate oaths

I was not allowed to take a camera or note-books or pencils with me, and I had to take very elaborate and blood-curdling oaths that I would never reveal to anybody who was not a member of the sect any of the things I learned that night.

I had also to swear that I would never touch or harm a panther nor eat its flesh, and this promise I have found little difficulty in keeping.

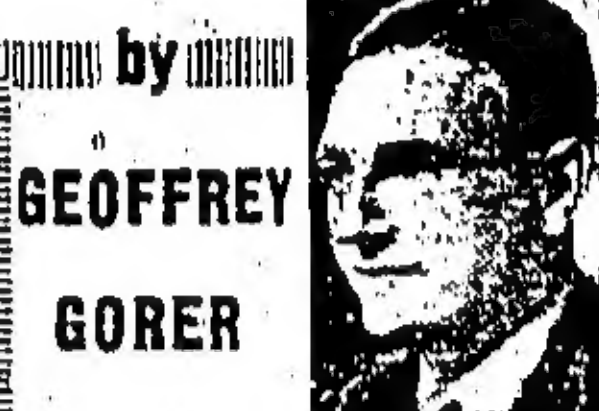
I have also never told anybody, nor written down anywhere, the extraordinary things which I witnessed, or at least am firmly convinced I witnessed that night nor do I intend to break that promise now except for one small incident. But the rest of the story doesn't make sense, unless I tell about the beginning.

In a trance

Almost at the end of that long night, when I was nearly deafened by the continuous beating of the tom-toms and other drums in the peculiar rhythm sacred to the Panther, and sickened from the smell of blood of the numberless animal sacrifices, we were led to a small hut, not much bigger than a large dog-kennel, to receive the insignia of our sect membership and instructions in their use.

Once more the puzzle is for you to solve—did this story in our could-be-true series really happen? Tomorrow the answer will be published.

Today's story is



by GEOFFREY GORER

Exploring English Character in the file of Geoffrey Gorer's forthcoming book. As a social anthropologist he has explored people in many places—from Africa to the sidewalks of Brooklyn. The American (1949) is probably his best known study. London born and 50 next Saturday, Gorer has a brilliant academic record, a wife, and a farm in Sussex.

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After the usual sacrifices and chanting, the occupant of the hut came out to give us these objects. Like all the hidden priests in the fetishist convent, he was in a permanent trance, and moved with eyes shut, like a sleep-walker.

He was one of the most monstrous and repulsive people I have ever set eyes on, enormously fat, but very soft, squishy fat, like an over-ripe melon or vegetable marrow of which the skin has just not broken.

His skin was a most peculiar colour; he was not an albino, as some African negroes are, but he seemed almost colourless, as if he had been bleached.

I won't list all the objects we were given; some of them were rather unpleasant. The most important of all was a little ritual bell of iron, surrounded with panther hairs. This bell stood about four inches high, two inches of plain handle, and then a cup with a clapper in it of iron, the cup surrounded with

the panther bristles. The cup had niches made in the rim to show our rank in the fetishist sects.

We had to practise shaking it to the rhythm of the panther drum beat and were rehearsed till we followed it almost automatically. This bell had to be rung at the beginning and end of any private ritual or magic we wished to undertake with the other objects which we had been given to summon and send the panther spirit away.

It could be rung to ward off supernatural danger (if we were threatened by sorcerers of the magic of other fetiches) and must be rung at least once a year, or the spirit of the Panther would be angry.

When I returned home I put the bell in a drawer in my writing-desk. I imagine that between 1934 and 1939 I did ring it most years, probably a little out of superstition, and also to remind myself of the complicated rhythm I had learned. I never moved the bell from my desk, and when I went to the United States, I naturally left it behind.

Uncomfortable

Most of the war I worked in the British Embassy in Washington, D.C., and had to endure the Washington summers, which were more oppressive than anything I had experienced in Africa. My flat was like an oven till a couple of hours after sunset, and I was glad of almost anything which would keep me out of it.

A friend of mine, an American, interested in anthropology, was making a study of Negro religious cults, and occasionally asked me to accompany him to a service. There are a great many Negroes in Washington, natives call the town a kale full of currents—and consequently a great number of religious sects. The religious practices of the educated Negroes do not of course differ in any way from that of their white counterparts; but the less educated Negroes have a great variety of sects, some of them tiny groups with a self-appointed leader and a handful of followers; and many of them use dancing and chanting, "speaking with tongues," and what looks like a light trance in their worship.

Only in the ceremonies of these small Negro sects have I sometimes been reminded of what I have seen or heard in Africa. Jazz and its variants, like swing and be-bop, do not seem to me to have anything African in them at all.

'Store' services

At first I felt rather uncomfortable looking at these Negroes worship as though I were looking at a performance; but I don't think our presence was ever resented, and our financial contributions were undoubtedly most gratefully received. Even in the wartime boom many of the older Negroes were miserably poor.

Many of these small sects have no place of worship of their own, and rent the back of a Negro-owned shop for a few hours on Sunday evenings for their services. I was to one of these "store" services that my friend and I went one June evening in 1943. The sect was a "Pentecostal" one, which means that at one moment some of the most intense worshippers would babble what I always took to be gibberish though the faithful were sure they were "speaking with tongues."

The service had obviously been going on for some hours when we arrived. The small room was crowded. Near the further end was the prophet, a rather sleek and well-fed man dressed in some sort of white robe, and beating time on a small hand-drum and exhorting his followers.

Ring your bell

These were mostly middle-aged to elderly women, dressed in their pathetic best, gnarled and wrinkled, a group of them were dancing round and round in a circle, with heads lowered and shoulders raised, following the complicated rhythms with great physical intensity.

Occasionally one of the dancers would leave the ring and join the watchers at the near end of the room; occasionally one of the watchers would throw up his or her hands, let out a piercing scream, and join the dancing circle.

At any one time there were perhaps thirty watchers and

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My friend and I got separated in the crowd by the length of the room. I was standing next to a tall and very thin elderly Negro man, with knotted veins showing in his skin, muscular arms, who, like most of the onlookers, was beating time to the drums by clapping his hands.

Suddenly he turned to me, without stopping the rhythm. "Ring your bell, white man," he said urgently. "Ring your bell."

I must have shown my surprise and lack of understanding in my face; I couldn't guess what he was talking about. "The big cats are coming, brother, ring that bell of yours, ring it quick!"

Then I remembered the bell I had brought back from Dahomey; and at the same time realised that the drum rhythm was very near that of Agassou, the panther which I had learned. "My bell," I said, "I said, 'Then ring this one, but ring it good, brother,' said my neighbour; and took from inside his shirt a little iron bell

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exactly similar to mine, even to the marks on the rim.

I rang it as I had been taught for a couple of minutes, and then decided to leave, feeling very puzzled.

I smoked a cigarette on the sidewalk while I waited for my friend to come out. I wondered how much I should tell him. Since he was interested in questions of cult, I felt he should know something of what had happened; at the same time I didn't want to be cross-questioned about that night in Dahomey by a professionally interested person, and so he put in the dilemma of appearing churlish or breaking my word to the Africans.

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I had seen no man such as he described in that room or that continent and my friend was a very rational person, who wouldn't at all appreciate the implication that he had been suffering from a delusion, perhaps brought on by the heat and the insistent rhythm.

There is perhaps one thing to add. I am an orderly person, and I knew exactly in which drawer of my desk I had placed the bell. The desk was locked, and was not damaged by enemy action. When I returned home at the end of hostilities I found everything in my desk as I expected, with the single exception of the bell. I couldn't find that anywhere.

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DID IT REALLY HAPPEN?

YES NO

Put your tick in the space above and keep this pencil by you until tomorrow when the answer will be given—with another story in this series by

Famela Frankau

Did Saturday's story by Ursula Bloom actually happen? Answer: YES.

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Repulsive

I hadn't really made up my mind when my friend joined me. "I don't blame you pulling out," he said. "I've never seen anybody more repulsive than that great fat fellow next to you. He looked bleached, as if he'd been kept in a cellar for years."

"I was feeling the heat rather," I said and determined to say nothing more.

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100 people own up

A REMARKABLE EXPERIMENT

by JOHN S. MATHER

THIS experiment sought an answer to the question: "What are the anxieties predominant in the minds of people today?"

TO FIND that answer reporters interviewed 100 people. Four replies—the fears of the famous—were published on Saturday: what follows are the confessions of the people in the crowd, the unknowns who speak under a strict bond of anonymity.

AND WHAT is the conclusion that emerges from this chart of the Secret Mind? This: the fears of men and women are as different—and illogical—as men and women themselves; and the only theory is—that there is no theory.

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celebration, and my job is jeopardised."

A milkman with 3,200 customers: "I dread upsetting customers with wrong deliveries." A club steward: "I worry about forgetting members' names." A Birmingham surgeon: "I worry about my ability every time I go into the operating theatre. It means life or death."

Here's a 34-year-old commercial artist in Pimlico: "I know so many third-rate failures among artists. They are old and pathetic. I wonder whether I'll go like that."

A man haunted

PLAINLY, a 31-year-old clerk in Walsley: "All I wanted from life was to be my own boss. There is no chance of that now and I dread all the years I shall have to spend taking orders from a man I despise. It is a constant misery to me."

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TURNING A NATION INTO GOOFS

By JOHN GORDON

London. ARE we becoming a nation of goofs?

Who makes the most powerful impact on Britain today? Who sets us "oozing" and "ashing" in ecstasy? Three Musketeers from the USA.

Danny Kaye, who makes the mink and tatra girls laugh. Johnnie Ray, who sets their cone-clad sisters sobbing.

And, most potent of all, Billy Graham, spear-tip of the slickest propaganda machine ever set up to organise emotion-rousing.

Strangely enough, not one of them has the stature in his own country that he has in Britain.

Danny Kaye at home rates as quite a modest fellow. But here he becomes at times more royal than royalty itself. Encouraged no doubt by the exceptional fuss royalty has made of him.

It was recorded recently in a book telling the story of the Palladium that when the Queen, then heir to the Throne, paid a visit to Danny in his dressing-room, he declined her invitation to supper on the excuse that he had another engagement—which he confessed later he hadn't.

He also explained later that he was nervous. But such incidents haven't dimmed Danny's golden glow. I expect our elite will be as prominent as ever in his queue through the next few weeks.

Having made a fortune out of America, he decided to quit, blowing it a farewell raspberry. Proudly waving his British passport he came back to his native land. He intended, he told us, to make his home and do his filming here.

But soon the patriot moved himself to Switzerland where, of course, he does not contribute to British taxation. And his British films remain a mirage.

However, he doesn't altogether neglect us. Now and again he comes across to give us advice. The most recent was that we should shed our hypocrisy and become simple, lovable, beautiful-natured people like the Russians and the Chinese.

Before giving us advice, Charlie, you should come and share our burdens.

Men, too. Like the Mary Chester psychiatrist—oh, yes, they worry all right—who is terrified of being called on to speak when he has nothing to say. Like the Liverpool barman who biggest fear is of telling a joke in a crowded room and not getting a single laugh.

But, far and away the strongest undercurrent in the mass of replies has to do with the twin personal problems of security and the future.

The 51-year-old sales director of a car-making firm thinks he'll lose his job one day, to a bright young man. (A day? What does that mean?) The 36-year-old literary agent in Potters Bar will not get a pension. He'll reach 65—and what then? The 60-year-old electrician who happens to be a strong swimmer is secretly convinced he will die of drowning.

A falling phobia

WE have found the kind of fears that make psychiatrists rich. Agoraphobia in a Hampstead housewife—who says: "Dreading the 100 celebrations, I faint in the centre of a running crowd. Now I get hysterical in a crowded room, street, or bus." And in the Swansea office manager who says: "I love football but my fear of being crushed by the crowd stops me going to watch."

And claustrophobia in a 22-year-old girl assistant to a Bradford chemist. She says: "I feel suffocated in a closed car. I can ride only in an open car." A 22-year-old messenger in a London insurance office works on the fourth floor and says: "I can't go near my open window. I think I'm going to fall out."

Again, as you would expect, there are the problems which clutter up columns of the 23-year-old London secretary, married six months, who is worried about having a child because her husband may transfer his love to it. The 17-year-old Lewisham typist who says: "I'm afraid of being thought a prude and I'm afraid of being thought a flirt."

A smoker's secret

DISASTER stalks many an imagination. Sometimes with reason, as when a commercial traveller says: "I've had three bad car crashes. Every morning I get my car out with my tummy turns over." Sometimes without reason, as when a London clipper says: "Whenever I smoke I get I wake up later thinking I've set the bed alight."

A Liverpool sugar opposer walks around worried that one day he will have to go under an anaesthetic and he won't wake up. A 40-year-old Edinburgh

A girl's heart

THE 24-year-old girl publicity executive who says: "I've turned down lots of proposals and now I wonder whether Mr. Right will come along." The 37-year-old Southall telephoneist who says: "I keep thinking of being married to a younger girl."

She said, poor girl: "I've got the lot."

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100 people own up

A REMARKABLE EXPERIMENT

by JOHN S. MATHER

THIS experiment sought an answer to the question: "What are the anxieties predominant in the minds of people today?"

TO FIND that answer reporters interviewed 100 people. Four replies—the fears of the famous—were published on Saturday: what follows are the confessions of the people in the crowd, the unknowns who speak under a strict bond of anonymity.

AND WHAT is the conclusion that emerges from this chart of the Secret Mind? This: the fears of men and women are as different—and illogical—as men and women themselves; and the only theory is—that there is no theory.

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A milkman with 3,200 customers: "I dread upsetting customers with wrong deliveries." A club steward: "I worry about forgetting members' names." A Birmingham surgeon: "I worry about my ability every time I go into the operating theatre. It means life or death."

Here's a 34-year-old commercial artist in Pimlico: "I know so many third-rate failures among artists. They are old and pathetic. I wonder whether I'll go like that."

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LEAGUE BOWLS

A Great Double By Craigengower

By "TOUCHER"

A magnificent double by Craigengower Cricket Club formed the main highlight of the weekend Lawn Bowls League games.

Ten times winners of the Senior Division League title since its inception in 1910; the Valley Club signalled its return to the fore ranks of local Lawn Bowls with a resounding 4-1 triumph over League-leading Kowloon Cricket Club in the First Division and followed this up with an equally brilliant 4-1 triumph over top-placed Talkoo in the Second Division.

Playing inspired bowls throughout, the Craigengower squad struck their peak form in their First Division match against the mainland cricketers and almost garnered their full share of the points.

Only a fighting display by Don Phillips' four, and a consistently sterling performance by Phillips himself enabled the Kowloonites to salvage their only point from the match.

Contrary to expectation, it was the Kowloonites who found themselves handicapped by the wet and slightly heavy green. Short and narrow woods not only by their front-men but even by their skippers were common occurrences. Frankly admitted by most of them was that it was the worst game they have played so far.

As to the game itself, two rinks needed little comment. Both Broadbury and Alfred Coates' fours had a comparatively comfortable time against the fours skipped by Hong Sling and Tommy Baker.

WINNING LEAD
After being held at 2-2 on the second head, all four of them struck an excellent combination to register a two, a six and a four on the next three ends to all into a commanding 14-2 lead.

By the tea-interval they had already established a winning 18-16 lead. The Kowloon four made a belated attempt to stem the tide towards the end of the game when they drew up from 13-25 to 19-25 only to see their opponents romping home with a single and a two to make the final score 28-19.

Key man of the winning four on this rink was undoubtedly their lead, Francis Lee, who was invariably on the jack with some beautiful hugging touches. Both Renee Rossette and Stanley Leonard gave the needed support when needed and Broadbury though not up to his best came in on a number of crucial heads.

For the losers, perhaps only Red Symons offered any resistance to the smooth-working combination of their opponents. On the next rink, Tommy Baker's four started off promisingly by taking a 5-1 lead at the end of the 4th head, only to fall into a deep groove of erratic bowling from then on until the tea-interval on the 11th head.

The Craigengower pinned down their opponents to the six shots right up to tea-time, chalk-up no fewer than thirteen shots on their part. Continuing to play heads-up bowls after tea they forged ahead to 17-8 and never looked back until the final score of 34-14 was reached.

For the tea-interval, Pete Manson laid the foundation for his side's win with accurate drawing to the jack, and was ably supported by Bill Ogles, his No. 2.

Best bowler on view on the afternoon's play in this rink, was, however, George Hong Chey at No. 3.

Time and again he wrought havoc to his opponents whether in drawing to the jack or with his firm shots. Coates came into his own in the later stages of the game, where he was seen at his best.

UPHILL BATTLE
Closest game of the afternoon was seen on the third rink, where KCC's Don Phillips staged a fine uphill battle to edge out George Souza, by 23-17.

Souza's four opened with a single and a four and by the end of the 7th head had established a 9-3 lead. A 5-0 defeat for the Kowloonites looked imminent at this stage.

Some brilliant efforts by Phillips, however, enabled his four to rally back to 7-9 on the 10th head, and a three just before tea-time put them into a lead of 10-9 for the first time in the game.

Although the Craigengower four forged ahead to 14-10 with three singles on the next three heads, they began gradually to lose their sting.

Fred Madar at No. 3, who was doing most of the damage in the first half of the game slowed down a little and George Madar at No. 2 slackened down considerably.

C. C. Ma continued to play a steady game, but with Stapleton putting in some good woods after tea and Charlie Thompson and Tony Alves closing up the middle gap, the KCC four rallied back strongly on the next four heads with two two's and two three's to take a 20-14 lead.

Souza's four struck back with a three on the 20th head to narrow the deficit to 17-20. An

exciting last head concluded this match.

Stapleton put in the first shot, jack-high on the back-hand and ran through about a yard on the same side with his next wood.

Then began a frantic call for back woods on the forehand as both Charlie Thompson and Tony Alves failed to stop their woods from clustering around the jack at jack-high level.

Souza made an excellent attempt to take the jack for a count of four, and just failed by almost a half-breadth with his first wood.

Phillips succeeded in putting a backwood with his first delivery, and Souza again failed in his second attempt to take the jack back, leaving a count of three to his opponents.

SECOND DIVISION
The Second Division encounter between Craigengower and Talkoo at Happy Valley which ended with a 4-1 defeat for Talkoo and their displacement by Kowloon Dock at the head of the Second Division League table was a more thrilling affair.

The scoring was extremely close on all the rinks throughout the game. At the tea-interval, Craigengower led by only three shots on the aggregate.

P. K. Lau's four gave the home team a good start by rallying back from 12-18 on the 14th head to 27-18 by the end of the 19th. Included in the total of 15 shots scored on the five heads was a six on the 17th to compensate for the same count registered by their opponents on the 8th head.

The Talkoo four came back with a single and a two to finish up at the tail-end of a 15-27 score.

IN THE BALANCE
Despite the lead of eight shots, the aggregate points were still in the balance as Robert Tay's four began their last head against Willy Brown's four with a deficit of four shots, and Joe Leonard's four took on J. Kimbrough's four one shot behind.

Willy Soussae gave Tay a grand start by drawing a close first shot and resting his opposing leader's second shot for a count of two. With woods clustered around the jack, Robert Baker rested an opposing third shot for a count of four.

Skip Willy Brown, who played a brilliant skip's game throughout, was just a shade wide with his heavy draw into the cluster. Trying to move the jack a little, Tay shifted it too far and found himself left only with a count of two and a possible three.

The opposing third shot was about two feet in front of the jack and about eight inches in front of the second shot. Brown tried to draw in another close one, but was narrow and went out of the count.

With his last wood Tay made a heavy draw and pushed the opposing third shot clean through, following in for the sixth shot.

Another feature of this game was the seven scored by Willy Brown's four on the 13th head which brought them up from 7-13 to 14-13. Tay's four were

lying one shot on this head, jack-high on the back-hand. A call for back woods from the forehand failed to elicit any response as the opposing two and three went through with their woods in their attempts to rest the shot wood or trail the jack.

Tay bumped his first wood, and Brown with his first wood trailed the jack clean through for about a yard to register six. Trying to draw into the bunch, Tay fell short and Brown added in the seventh for a bottle of whiskey well earned.

CLOSE ALL THE WAY
Joe Leonard and J. Kimbrough both had an exceptionally close game all the way, with no more than three shots separating them at any time. On the last head Leonard's four, who were trailing behind by one shot, were lying three when Kimbrough came in with the first shot to give his four a 19-17 win and his side their only point from this match.

In the other First Division games, Filipino Club got a step further away from the threat of relegation by scoring a 4-1 win over Indian Recreation Club.

"Gold."
They had to fight all the way for their win, as in both the rinks in which they won they were well down in the earlier stages of the game.

C. A. Coelho's four were 3-10 down at the end of the 7th head against S. M. Rumbahn's four, but drew up level at 12-12 on the 18th, and forged ahead to a 24-15 win.

Dick Bana's four were also trailing behind by 8-14 on the 10th head against Y. M. Adal and his men, and it was only after extra efforts that they managed to pull through by 27-18.

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HOW THEY STAND

FIRST DIVISION

	P. W. D. L.				Shorts		Shots		Pts.
					F.	A.	U.	D.	
KCC	8	6	0	2	529	433	96	—	29½
Recreio "Blues"	7	5	0	2	455	368	87	—	25
CCC	7	5	0	2	438	401	37	—	22½
KCCB	7	4	0	3	410	384	26	—	19
PRC	7	4	0	3	380	410.25	—	30.25	18
IRC "Blues"	6	4	0	2	376	345	31	—	16½
FC	6	2	0	4	334	391	—	57	9
IRC "Gold"	7	1	0	6	363	432	—	98	8
Recreio "Whites"	7	0	0	7	351.25	442	—	90.25	7½

SECOND DIVISION

KDC	8	7	0	1	551	403	148	—	31
TC	8	6	0	2	521	460	61	—	27½
HKFC	8	5	0	3	537	385	152	—	27
CCC	7	5	0	2	440	415	25	—	22½
KCC	8	4	4	0	479	456	23	—	18½
USRC	7	2	0	5	389	432	—	43	14
FC	8	2	0	6	426	502	—	76	18½
HKCC	7	2	0	5	387	448	—	61	13
PRC	7	1	0	6	319	528	—	229	3

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	U.	D.	Pts.
KDC	8	8	0	0	559	400	150	—	38
HKRC	8	5	0	3	495	459	37	—	23½
POC	7	5	0	2	492	391	101	—	23
KCCB	6	4	0	2	381	334	47	—	20½
FC	7	3	0	4	407	479	—	72	14½
PRC	6	3	0	3	330	397	—	67	12
HKRC	7	1	0	6	416	428	—	10	11
USRC	7	2	0	5	360	457	—	97	10
KCC	6	0	0	6	302	400	—	98	5½

MORE LAURELS



Mme. Suzy Volterra, who recently won the Derby with Phil Drake, seen with her successful horse after it had won the Grand Prix of Paris at Longchamp.—Central Press Photo.

British Riders Set New Belgian Grand Prix Motor Cycling Records

Francorchamps, July 3.

British riders set up new track records in all three of today's Belgian Grand Prix motor cycling events on the fast Francorchamps track.

But despite the records only one Briton, Bill Lomas, leader in the 350 cc World Championship classification, won his race while setting up a new record.

Geoff Duke, Britain's World Champion, was cheated of an almost certain victory in the 500 cc event when his Gilera failed four laps from the end of the 15-lap race and forced him to retire with mechanical trouble. Cyril Smith was equally unlucky in the sidecars race after a duel with a German in which the lead changed every few minutes.

Going into the last lap but one, however, his racing green Norton broke down after pulverising the existing track record and he was also forced to retire.

The sidecars provided a record crowd of 70,000 who watched the racing in brilliant summer sun with the biggest thrills. Eric Oliver, Britain's former World Champion, who had won the race for the last six years, was also plagued with mechanical trouble and could only finish thirteenth.

Smith rode brilliantly and worked his way from ninth to first place by the halfway stage, beating Oliver's old track record of 96.24 mph by nearly three mph before dropping out and leaving the BMW's take the first four places.

Baseball League Standings

New York, July 3.
American and National League standings, including all games of Sunday, July 3.

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
	W	L	P	B
New York	52	25	875	—
Chicago	43	29	597	8½
Cleveland	44	31	587	7
Boston	42	35	545	10
Detroit	35	35	521	12
Kansas City	32	41	438	18
Washington	26	48	351	24½
Baltimore	20	53	274	30
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	W	L	P	B
Brooklyn	53	22	707	—
Chicago	43	35	551	11½
Milwaukee	40	34	541	12½
Cincinnati	34	38	486	16½
New York	36	39	480	17
Philadelphia	33	41	446	19½
St. Louis	32	40	444	19½
Pittsburgh	26	50	342	27½

—Associated Press.

SPORTS DIARY

SIX DOUBTFUL CASES—AND THERE THE MATTER RESTS

By J. L. MANNING

This you must not miss. I know a land of football where they have just investigated 329 cases of bribery and corruption. And it's not far from England as the stool-pigeon flies.

Indeed, Jesse. Carver, super-colossal Soccer manager, has just gone to Coventry from there, and heading that way is Eddie Firmani of Charlton.

The land is sunny Italy. Firmani will be back among his ancestors (via South Africa) in contact man Signor Gigi Peronace can talk Turin's Juventus or Rome's Roma into paying Charlton £35,000. This should not be beyond £800, so it's reported to me from Italy, and he can forget about taxes. I'd kick anything for that.

When Firmani arrives he will be able to dictate his own terms—or almost. Official wages are £40 monthly. Special bonuses will bring this to £800, so it's reported to me from Italy, and he can forget about taxes. I'd kick anything for that.

SUGAR DADDIES

Twelve million fans pump £2,000,000 annually into Italian football, but that's chicken feed. The real money is in Government-supervised Soccer pools run by the fabulously wealthy Olympic Committee.

Turnover last year was £20,000,000, of which only £3,000,000 went in prizes. Rest of Italy's football money comes from millionaire sugar daddies who "sugar" a club out of sheer enthusiasm.

The inevitable happens, of course. Recently Italian newspapers published documents alleging somebody had offered to "fix" half a dozen matches. There were indignations, denials, and the Control Commission investigated 329 cases. They rejected 323 and called the other six doubtful. There the matter seems to have ended.

Why? you may ask. Because in Italy it is not unlawful to give bribes in sport. So that's the set-up, Firmani. You will be the innocent abroad, but at least will be able to speak well of our Football League. They would never reject 323 cases of bribery.

WITHOUT ATHLETES

What's happening to lawn tennis? Its standard has fallen sharply in two years. Yet other sports still rise on a post-war improvement.

The reason is clear. Lawn tennis lacks athleticism. Players practise but don't train.

Harry Hopman, Australian tennis manager, likes tennis the toughest but was unfairly criticised last year for trying to make his Rosewall and Hoads into John Landys.

Harry told me this year his players are relaxed. So is all Wimbledon. Two demons, the set-up, Firmani. You will be the innocent abroad, but at least will be able to speak well of our Football League. They would never reject 323 cases of bribery.

TEST FLOT HATCHED

Just as football should be played by sunlight so cricket ought to be played on grass. When this strange experiment was tried for the Test at Lord's, what happened?

Thousands thoroughly enjoyed the game. The game awoke from deep slumber like Sleeping Beauty. Everybody acclaimed MCC.

There was national rejoicing. Forgotten even was the humiliation of England being led on the first day of a Test match.

So I will tell you the story behind it all. During the dreary hours of the first Test at Nottingham, Secretary Ronnie Aird, his assistant, Billy Griffith, and groundsman, Ted Swannell, went into a huddle and said: "This must not happen at Lord's."

They hatched a plot. A blessed 22-yard plot which will be for ever England—or South Africa anyway.

GROUNDSMANSHIP

They decided to roll this wickedest like wickets have not been rolled since the invention of the internal combustion engine. I mean that.

The roller weighed 3½ tons. It took 15 men to push it. Half-hour sessions were endured daily. The wicket took on pace miraculously. It was raised almost from the dead.

Then fertilizer was put on the pitch. Curious result was that not very much more grass

grew, but it became fresh and green. But at least this raised everybody's morale. I tell this story as an urgent memo to all groundsman, especially Test pitchmakers. It is the secret of cricket Groundsmanship.

This is not the first time I have been glad to write something nice about MCC. It is the second. And it is coupled with the name of Ted Swannell, who is the new groundsman, merely in the sense that he's been on the staff at Lord's for only 30 years.

FUNNY PEOPLE

Two interesting quotations from The People newspaper which earlier this year sought to criticise the Sunday Dispatch Soccer rackets campaign on the grounds that it lacked the means of publishing the facts:

March 6, 1955—(written by a staff writer): "But, as usual, it (The People) has found out the facts and printed them. For proof of that... it was in this newspaper that Manning made the sensational disclosure that he was offered £3,000 by a First Division club to get his transfer to them when he was a Middlesbrough player."

June 19, 1955—(written by WH Manning): "Either I must ditch the name of the club that tried to bribe me to leave Middlesbrough, or I must deny what I wrote was true. I will do neither."

The proof of the pudding is in the eating. But who's eaten the pudding?

LADIES IN RACING

See how the ladies make news on the Turf! The Duchess of Newcastle is fined 100 sovereigns by the National Hunt Stewards because one of the horses was alleged to have been trained by an unlicensed trainer.

Miss Dorothy Paget has taken all her jumpers, except one, from Fulke Walwyn, but never let it be said that Mr Walwyn was not a stayer in the Paget Stakes.

Yes, Miss Paget shares the ladies' prerogative for mind-changing with Miss Rachel Parsons. She has had many

Tony Trabert Beats Patty In Exhibition Match

Noordwijk, Holland, July 3.

Tony Trabert, United States, the new Wimbledon Singles Champion, beat Patty Badgley, an American who lives in Paris, 6-3, 9-7 today in an exhibition match here. Trabert beat Patty in the Wimbledon semi-final.

In other exhibitions, Vic Seixas (United States) defeated Enrique Mores (Argentina), 6-3, 8-6 and Art Larsen (United States) beat Ham Richardson (United States), 6-1, 6-2.

A doubles match Seixas and Richardson beat Mores and Mores 6-4, 6-3, 1-6, 4-6, 7-5. China Mail Special.

May Turn Professional

Wimbledon, England, July 3. Tony Trabert, the newly-crowned Wimbledon Tennis Champion, said today he may turn professional.

The 25-year-old, 180-pounder from Cincinnati, Ohio, who defeated Kurt Nielsen of Denmark to win the coveted crown last Friday, left by plane for the United States after playing an exhibition match at the Noordwijk, Holland resort by the North Sea.

"I don't know whether I will be coming back to Wimbledon next year because I may become a professional," Trabert added, however, "I have no offers yet."—United Press.

trainers in the past six years. Latest on her list is Alec Waugh, at Newmarket.

I know none of these ladies. The only ladies with whom I am acquainted on racecourses are those who serve at the bar.

The secret of success of some of these ladies is an empty beer-bottle beneath the bar. In to a tunnel goes the remains of bottles as they are poured out. All ready for the next customer.

A MEMO

Now Frank Tyson, the fast bowler currently being missed by England, has put his foot in it. I understand that his heel trouble primarily is due to the way he walks.

Colin Cowdrey, by the way, will be using his contentions to do some floor-walking at the end of the season. He is expected to take up a post with a departmental store.

Note to Mr Dodds, M.P. for Erith and Crayford: Tyson has done his National Service.

DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP

Further to my Football League election notes of last week: Mr Arthur Oakley, of Wolverhampton, is voted the new President.

Mr Oakley was 78 last Tuesday. He was once a referee. League referees retire at 47.

He is not too old to lead a dynamic recovery of English professional football. But the League have left it a bit late.

British Team Shines In Athletic Meet

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OUR QUEEN AND THE TURF

HATS OFF FOR THE QUEEN!

By JOHN HALL AND JOHN RICKMAN

Aureole was the Queen's first great horse. It was Aureole who made her the winning owner last year, the first lady of the Turf, and the first Queen ever to head the list of winning owners.

Aureole is a son of the famous Hyperion and was foaled by King George VI's mare Angelola at Hampton Court. Her Majesty, then Princess Elizabeth, went to see him a few days after he was born, fed him from a milk bottle.

She has always gone frequently to the Hampton Court stables. As girls, she and her sister used to join in the naming of the royal colts and fillies, often suggesting names which were highly unsuitable.

Aureole grew up to be highly strung, temperamental, wilful, with an intense dislike of crowds and a taste for much attention, stroking, and patting from people he liked. It is still said at Newmarket that he was the only horse in Captain Cecil Boyd-Rochfort's stables that ever dared to call the famous trainer by his first name.

GREAT HOPES

He was imperious. At exercise he must lead the string or fret a monarch among horses; with his proud carriage, his flashing chestnut coat, and his three gay socks. He won one race in 1952 and was the Queen's favourite.

Derby Day 1953, the Coronation Derby. The crowds longed for a royal victory; they were great hopes that it would be Aureole's day, though Pinza, his rival, had pushed him to second place in the betting. The chestnut was on edge so too, frankly, was her Majesty.

As soon as she reached the course she asked for news; she was there to see him saddle, talked with Harry Carr, told him: "It's all so terribly exciting."

As Harry Carr rode off an over-enthusiastic racegoer gave Aureole a "good luck" pat. A "clout" Harry Carr called it afterwards. Aureole reacted violently and two stable hands had to help Carr get him under control.

It was not the Queen's Derby. Pinza won; Aureole was second, beaten by four lengths. The crowds waiting to re-enact his- tory to sing "God Save the Queen" as the Derby crowds sang the National Anthem in 1909 when King "Teddy" won the Derby, stayed silent. Aureole ran next in the Eclipse Stakes at Sandown Park and was third.

Pinza beat the royal horse again in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot on July 18—this time by three lengths.

The Pinza dropped out of racing. Aureole was prepared for the St. Leger. He made news by having "nerves" treated from a Harley Street psychiatrist who travelled daily to Newmarket to give the stallion sedative massage.

The Queen gave her approval for this "doctoring," had daily reports on progress, went to Newmarket to see Aureole. It was not the first time she had had Harley Street called to her horses. In 1950 her first-ever thoroughbred, Astakhon, was given deep therapy—short-wave electrical treatment—to correct a knee-cap condition. Aureole ran third in that Leger.

HANDICAPPED But last year he established himself as the horse of the year. He won the Coronation Cup at Epsom, went to Royal Ascot for a race that the Queen, and thousands who were there, will never forget.

It was the Hardwicke Stakes and Eph Smith was riding the chestnut. As was now her regular practice, the Queen talked with him before the race, asked him how he rated his chances. Her excitement was obvious.

Smith replied: "Well, Ma'am, we are rather handicapped. The animal is blind in one eye and I'm deaf." (Aureole had

damaged an eye in his box a few days previously; Smith has to wear a hearing aid.) The joke broke the tension the Queen was feeling. She threw back her head and laughed heartily.

It was a stupendous race. The Queen, Queen Mother, and Princess Margaret were on tip-toes as Aureole and Marvell Boussole's Junitor made it neck and neck and passed the post together. There was a rush to the unsaddling enclosure and then a wait for the camera's verdict. Ascot held its breath.

Standing with Captain Boyd-Rochfort, the Queen shifted from one foot to the other, Princess Margaret wrung her hands. At last over the loud-speaker: "First—No. 1! No. 1... Aureole. Ascot forgot decorum.

Hats sailed in the air, people cheered, laughed, there were tears of emotion. The Queen was overjoyed. "It was wonderful," she said. The Queen Mother smiled at Capt. Boyd-Rochfort. "Never have I seen my daughters so excited."

CLOSE RACE IN July, again at Ascot, for the fabulous King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes, worth £27,650, Aureole won another close race.

Janitor was there, but this time the challenger was Mme. Volterra's Varnos. Aureole, who won by three-quarters of a length, scared everyone when he dislodged Smith before the start.

Helped by this victory, the Queen became last year's winning owner with 19 wins and stakes totalling £49,993.

She was a £250 ahead of her closest rival, the American millionaire Mr. R. Sterling Clark.

Racegoers were delighted, even those who had been following Mr. Clark's horses, and who felt that he had not withdrawn his Derby winner, Say Day, from the Champion Stakes later in the year he would probably have put the Queen in second place.

Of the Queen's gross winnings, Aureole, with £30,093 won in four races, was the cream in the sandpan cake.

Landau was another horse of which the Queen had great expectations last year and who also had Harley Street attention for "nerves." He was a near-black, a colour racing men do not care for; had a passion for sticky coffee, jam tarts and sandwiches.

He won several races, but ran unplaced in the Derby, was invited to take part in the American International Stakes at Maryland last November, few there (with a stable boy who had a supply of jam tarts for the night), developed a knee infection.

He led the other six invited horses for the first six furlongs of the mile and a half, course, finished seventh. He was on leave from the National Stud, was returned to the stud, and at the end of the year sold to Australia for £21,000.

DOES IT PAY? INCIDENTALLY, the Queen's arrangement with horses that she leases from the National Stud is that she pays all training expenses, travel, etc., takes two-thirds of any prize-money they win, and the other third goes to the National Stud.

Does the Queen make her racing pay? The answer is that she does not. Expenses are high and rising; it costs between £600 and £750 a year to keep a horse in training, stud costs are heavy.

But she knows that the racing industry is of immense value to Britain, aside from other considerations, a big dollar-earner. At the Doncaster sales last September, for example, American paid £200,000 for British bloodstock.

Like other owners, the Queen gives her winning jockeys the usual ten per cent of the stake money as well as their fees. On special occasions she gives presents, too, and several of them have valued souvenirs from her in gold cuff-links bearing the royal crest.

To return to Aureole. Acclaimed the best four-year-old of 1954, he was retired to stud and lives comfortably at Sandringham in a special box which the Queen had built with an adjoining paddock close enough to a public road for passers-by to see him at exercise.

In 1958, racegoers will be cheering, they hope, his progeny. When the Queen goes to Sandringham she always goes to see him, takes him for a car-rot, and she keeps an artist's sketch of him in her bureau.

Robert Byrne of the United States took a prolonged nap on Sunday and was 20 minutes late for his game but his Russian opponent insisted that both clocks be put back so the American would not be penalised.

The American team hailed this as "a wonderful example of good sportsmanship." Associated Press.

INTERNATIONAL



Eighteen-year-old Annette Naur from Copenhagen, a member of the Dansk Vendski Forbund Ski Club poses with her water skis prior to the competitions between the Danish club and a British team held at the Ruislip Lido, Middlesex, England—London Express Photo.

Overseas Oarsmen Win Six Of Seven Finals At Henley

Henley-on-Thames, July 2.

Overseas oarsmen won six of the seven events open to them today when the finals of the Henley Royal Regatta were rowed off on the River Thames in beautiful weather here.

For the second successive year, top honours went to the Russians, who gained three firsts, winning the Stewards Cup (Fours), Double Sculls and Silver Goblets.

The United States captured two events, the Grand Challenge Cup for Eights, premier event of the regatta, and the Thames Challenge Cup, also for Eights.

The Diamond Sculls went to Poland, and Britain won the Wyfold Challenge Cup for Fours, the only foreign challengers, Dartmouth (U.S.A.) having been eliminated on the opening day.

The victory of the American champions, University of Pennsylvania, in the Grand Challenge Cup was gained only after Vancouver Rowing Club, Empire Games champions, had given a terrific struggle for supremacy.

The Americans, always fancied to win, just got home by a third of a length in six minutes 54 seconds for the course of one mile 550 yards with the wind against them.

"Thunderbirds" of Vancouver never allowed their rivals to get more than half a length in the race, and only a few feet separated them until the last 400 yards. Then the Americans found the extra power and with a devastating dash to the finishing post, just got home.

GOOD RAF EFFORT Massachusetts Institute of Technology registered the second American success when they retained the Thames Challenge Cup by beating the Royal Air Force by two-thirds of a length in seven minutes 21 seconds after another fine race.

When their races were over the Americans adopted their time-honoured custom of throwing the cox of the winning crews into the river.

After all the troubles encountered on the opening day of the regatta, when their boats were not untied in time from the strike-bound ship at the docks, the Russians, hard as nails, emerged with three successes and the only defeat sustained was when their eight was beaten by Vancouver in a Grand Challenge Cup semi-final.

Their hardest race today was in the Double Sculls when the Olympic silver medalists, G. Zhukov and I. Emshuk, had only half a length to spare from the Swiss Pair, H. Volmer and T. Keller, before winning in seven minutes 55 seconds.

The Soviet Four from the Krylis Sovetov Club retained their title in the Stewards Challenge Cup by beating a Leander crew which included four Oxford Blues, three of them Australians, by three lengths in seven minutes 40 seconds.

It was against the Leander pair, Chris Davidge and Jim Gobbie, both former Presidents of Oxford, who had rowed in the Stewards Cup, that the Russians gained their third victory when I. Baidakov and V. Kozlov won the Silver Goblets for the second successive year. The home pair were obviously tired after their earlier race and the red-vested Russians won comfortably by four lengths in eight minutes 39 seconds.

FROM EX-CONVICT TO FILM STAR

A Real-life Story That Puts In The Shade The Script Writers' Best

By MICHAEL RUDDY

This is the real-life story of a film star that puts in the shade even the most vivid efforts of the Hollywood script writers.

It's the story of swashbuckling Rory Calhoun, handsome hero of many a Western, who has just confessed that he was once a convict—in fact, a convict with quite a record. And he says he confessed to thwart blackmailers.

"It was the only way to stop them once and for all," he told me. "I had to take a chance on what publication of my secret, which I and a few close friends have nursed for years, would do to my career. Now the truth is out, you don't know how good it feels."

"I no longer have to go down town in Los Angeles to meet some ex-convict at some dump to explain that my sad past was known to all the people most concerned—my wife, my parents, the studio bosses... and that I wasn't going to pay blackmail to anyone."

"It was hard to convince some of them," said the hard riding, hard shooting star. "Sometimes they became insulting and it bothered me to have to convince them forcefully that I meant positively no pay-off."

"When I was released from Springfield Federal Penitentiary in 1943 I'd spent almost one-third of my life in jail, and that includes seven escapes, and one attempted escape from gaols and reformatories."

"I had served one year in solitary confinement after the last escape. When I left Springfield the warden told me: 'You have paid the full penalty for your crimes. Now it is up to you to begin your life again.'"

Rory's story begins, when, as the son of poor parents, he learned how to crack open gum machines, and steal pennies from news-stands. His thirteenth year saw three appearances in juvenile court. The last one told him to a boy's home for stealing a revolver.

"INCORRIGIBLE"

At 14 he stole a car, at 15 he was sent to reformatory for robbery. By 18 he was marked down as "incorrigible" and at 17 was in the stolen car racket. At 20 he was facing another 20 years in a state penitentiary.

And that's where he might have been... if he hadn't met a tough Catholic priest who told him: "I refuse to believe you are bad." Father Kanby took young Rory into the gymnasium and fought him with the gloves on... and Rory found here was one man he couldn't lick.

"There is no escape, my son, except through honesty and the grace of God," the priest told him... and made him promise that he would not try any more escapes. Rory laughed at him at first... but in the end he promised—and kept his promise.

The charges that would have kept him behind bars for another 20 years were dropped, and at the age of 21 Rory walked out a free man, to face the world.

Chataway's Near Miss

Aldershot, July 2.

Chris Chataway, brilliant British middle distance runner, failed today in his attack on the one mile world record of three minutes 58 seconds by the Australian, John Landy.

He put in a tremendous finishing burst to clock four minutes 0.8 seconds, which was the fifth fastest mile in Britain but was one second outside his personal best of three minutes 59.8 seconds.

On Whit Monday, Chataway was one of the three runners who beat four minutes in the mile won by the Hungarian, Laslo Tabari, in three minutes 59 seconds.

Today's race had been planned and things looked as though they were going Chataway's way after three-quarters of a mile, but the last lap of 61.8 seconds ruled out hopes of new world figures.

Ken Wood, the Ashfield clerk who finished five yards behind Chataway, recorded four minutes 1.6 seconds, which was 3.2 seconds better than his personal best for this distance.

Derek Johnson, British Empire Games half-mile champion, was third in four minutes 12.4 seconds.

In terms of world performances, Chataway's was the eleventh fastest and his time at 4.08 metres was three minutes 42.8 seconds compared with Landy's three minutes 41.8 seconds when he set up his world record.—Reuter.

"I first tried to enlist," he said to me. "I was asked for three character references. So I forgot it. I worked the grave-yard shift in an ironworks. I worked as a logger in Santa Cruz where I lived. Then my folks told me my great grandmother was ill in Los Angeles and she wanted to see me. So I took the train down, while sort of wondering what I'd do."

"Next I went riding in the Hollywood hills."

"I've always loved horses. When I was eight I used to borrow—though the owners called it stealing—thoroughbred, and ride them bare-back."

"While I was riding along and thinking, another fellow came riding by and we stopped for a chat. He asked me if I was an actor. I said: 'Thunder, no, I'm not.'"

"After a while I asked his name. 'Alan Ladd,' he said."

KIND OF FUNNY

"Well, I hadn't seen him on the screen—I'd been otherwise occupied—but I'd heard his name. He asked me how I'd like to be in movies. It struck me as kind of funny."

"He asked me home to dinner and met his wife, Sue Carol, who was then an agent... his agent in fact. She thought I had good possibilities for Westerns, and before I could say 'They went thataway' she took me to Fox Studios for a test... and I was signed to a long-term contract. That was in 1944."

When it was decided to publish the truth about Rory's gaol record—it appeared in a magazine—he was plenty worried. He had no way of telling what the reaction would be. His wife knew all about it. He told her every detail before they were married, so he had no worries on that score.

But he had a contract with Universal and had financial obligations and had to face the future. What would happen to them?

Rory was working on "The Spoilers" at the time, so he supposed they wouldn't fire him in the middle of the picture.

"I'll be 33 in August and we've been married seven years. I guess I have a great deal to be thankful for. Believe me, I am thankful. For my wonderful wife, for my friends, for my work, my ranch and for being able to work hard."

Rory, my neighbour, paused and said: "Pour me out a beer." We were sitting in the bar which he himself built like the private parlour of a pub with fine panelled walls and leaded windows, in his house on Beverly Drive. He and his pretty wife had just returned from a day on their motor-cruiser.

This weekend they are spending at the cattle ranch a hundred miles north.

"I've learned a great deal since my past became public," he ended. "I've learned who my friends are and I've learned again the basic goodness and generosity of people."

"That's my story."

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Starting Lineups For 22nd All-Star Game At Milwaukee In July

Chicago, July 3.

The starting American and National League lineups for the 22nd All-Star game in Milwaukee, July 12, were announced on Sunday night.

Here are the starting lineups:
National League—1B—Ted Kuszewski, Cincinnati; 2B—Al Schoendienst, St. Louis; 3B—Ed Mathews, Milwaukee; SS—Eddie Banks, Chicago; LF—Del Ennis, Philadelphia; CF—Duke Snider, Brooklyn; RF—Don Mueller, New York; C—Roy Campanella, Brooklyn.

American League—1B—Mickey Vernon, Washington; 2B—Nellie Fox, Chicago; 3B—Jim Flingan, Kansas City; SS—Harvey Kuenn, Detroit; LF—Ted Williams, Boston; CF—Mickey Mantle, New York; RF—Al Kaline, Detroit; C—Larry Berra, New York.

Those players received the most votes in the poll, conducted by 75 newspapers, radio and television outlets, which opened on June 10 and closed at midnight on Friday. It brought out 6,562,064 votes, a new record. The previous record, was 4,637,743 set in 1949.

FOURTH APPEARANCE of the New York Giants will lead the National League. Al Lopez of the Cleveland Indians will direct the American League. It will be Durocher's fourth appearance as the National League's manager, and Lopez first as the American League leader. Each has played in two All-Star games.

Only five players repeated from the two lineups for last summer's game. They are Kuszewski, Snider, Campanella, Fox, Mantle and Berra.

Campanella, who is out of the Brooklyn lineup with an injured knee cap, was the highest individual vote getter in the poll.

Russian Girls Break World Cycling Record

London, July 3. Moscow radio said tonight that Russian girls broke three World cycling records at Istutsk today.

Miss Valentina Yurkina of Smolensk clocked 30 minutes 38 seconds over 20 Kilometres; Miss Nina Sadova did five Kilometres in 5 minutes 3.3 seconds and Miss Maria Taranova covered ten Kilometres in 14 minutes 45.1 seconds.—Reuter.

American Chess Expert Topples Russia's No. One

Moscow, July 3.

Samuel Reshevsky, the American chess expert, on Sunday toppled Russia's Mikhail Botvinnik from his one time undisputed mastery of the chess world.

Botvinnik drew the third game with Reshevsky. The Russian master, 12-1 pre-match favourite, now can not win. The best he can do is tie by winning the final game on Tuesday.

The first game was a tie and Reshevsky won the second. Reshevsky's present advantage, is considered a major upset for Botvinnik had been expected to win easily.

In the only other completed game in the Russian-United States tournament on Sunday, Smilov defeated Bisguier. Six other games were adjourned.

Despite Reshevsky's good showing, it seems obvious that the Russians will win the tournament.

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WESTERN THRILLER COMICS PART OF THE COLD WAR

Berlin, July 3.

The East German Communist Government has declared war on Superman and other American-style "killer-thrillers" which, it claims, are being smuggled into East Germany as part of Western psychological warfare.

The Education Minister, Herr Fritz Lange, launched the campaign in a 3,000-word article in Taegliche Rundschau, the Soviet High Commission newspaper.

It was followed by a widely publicised mock trial of "imperialist trash literature," at which its authors, publishers and distributors were convicted of deliberately poisoning East German youth.

Herr Lange spoke of a deliberate "cold war" campaign to demoralise youth and weaken the readiness of our Republic for defence, and called upon parents, teachers, and the state organs to mobilise a joint defence against the influx of comics and trash.

Unscrupulous

"It is time for us to seek out and relentlessly take to task all unscrupulous hawkers of imperialist trash literature," he declared. "It has been impossible to stop all channels through which the trash enters. Teachers have discovered, for instance, a secret distribution system at the 30th elementary school at Karlshorst (an East Berlin suburb).

"Many parents, too, are dangerously careless in tolerating such books in the hands of their children. Particularly fathers often argue that they read killer-thrillers themselves when they are young, yet they have become decent men."

"This is a dangerous fallacy. For the imperialist trash literature willfully conditions youth to become murderers and criminals."

In support of the statement, Herr Lange cited the following cases:

Members of a gang of children between 10 and 12 years of age at Karl-Marx Stadt (former Chemnitz) openly declared their arrest for theft and robbery that they had constantly improved their methods through reading crime books.

A 15-year-old boy of Zeitz, Saxony-Anhalt, murdered his playmate, aged 10, under the influence of horror books.

Battered Aunt

Rudolf Scheffler, 13, of East Berlin, who possessed a large stock of comic strips, bequeathed his aunt to death with an iron bar, when she surprised him breaking into her flat.

"These horrible deeds," Herr Lange continued, "must become the signals for extreme alarm and determined counter-measures on the part of parents, teachers and all responsible people."

"Some unscrupulous pastors and teachers of religion" have recently supported the "campaign for the demoralisation of our youth," he claimed.

"Under the pretext of 'sexual enlightenment,' a pastor in the Vogtland area (Saxony) distributed, as among his candidates for confirmation, tracts which depict sexual relations with brutal frankness and cynicism."

"We must strongly protest against the fact that unscrupulous people in clergymen's robes abuse their position to undermine the morals of our youth."

"No matter what they are called, whether comics, crime novels or sexual enlightenment tracts from clerical sources, they all have the same aim: to upset our youth, endanger order and reconstruction (in East Germany) and weaken our youth's readiness for defence."

The tone of Herr Lange's article, the prominence it has been given and his references to demands for counter-measures tend to confirm unofficial reports that a special law is under consideration to make the possession and distribution of comics and trash literature a crime subject to heavy punishment.

Old Laws

The law would bring up to date provincial laws dating back to 1946 and 1947 against dangerous literature, which did not specifically mention comics and thrillers.

The East Berlin mock trial, staged by a Government-sponsored committee with the co-operation of leading educational experts and jurists, condemned the publishers and distributors of trash as "instruments of the cold war."

The Chief Prosecutor of East Berlin, Herr Martin Teubner, gave evidence that the infiltration of horror and crime comics had undoubtedly promoted the formation of youthful crime gangs.

He cited the example of a children's gang led by a 10-year-old, which had plagued an East Berlin suburb for some time with burglaries and torturing stolen cars. Only children possessing more than 50 crime thrillers were admitted to membership of that gang, he added.

The East German Press has developed its own comic strips, mostly in serial form. They depict historic adventures with a moral, usually a political moral fitting into the Marxist-Leninist concept of history stories played out in German-Soviet friendship or plain adventure yarns without bloodshed.—China Mail Special.

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Multi-Millionaire Leaves Fortune To Greek State

Athens, July 3.

A 68-year-old Greek businessman who started life by selling his father's vegetables in Turkey, has told the King of Greece that he intends leaving all his money to the country. His fortune is believed to be tens of millions of pounds.

In his letter to King, Paul, Mr. Bodossakis Athanassiadis wrote:

"In full agreement with my wife, I announce to your Majesty that all my business shall be bequeathed to the State to be devoted to social purposes."

Mr. Athanassiadis controls about 40 per cent of Greece's industrial potential, and he has no children.

His decision came less than a week after he had received from the king the insignia of Grand Commander of the Royal Order of the Phoenix, for his services to the country.

Dark-faced and slim "Bodossakis," as he is always known in Greece, is in the eyes of his fellow-citizens the personification of a multi-millionaire. No one has ever estimated his wealth, not even himself, but some indication of its size is shown by the fact that every year his businesses contribute about 2,000,000 dollars (£800,000 sterling) in taxation to the Greek budget.

Fairy Tale

The life of this man who rules the main industries of Greece is very much like a fairy tale.

At the age of 12, in a remote village of Asia Minor, in the district of Mersina, where he was born, the young Bodossakis, the Armenian translation of the name of St. John the Baptist, was helping his father, a Greek small farmer, to sell his vegetables to nearby villages.

Now Mr. Athanassiadis is the partner of Herr Krupp, the German industrial magnate, in all his post-war operations in Greece. These include exploitation of the Larzyna nickel mines and the processing of this strategic mineral, as well as the lignite deposits in Ptolemais (Macedonia).

Pioneer

Since his arrival in Greece he has been a pioneer of the country's modern industrial development. He created the Hellenic Powder Cartridge Co., which was recently awarded important United States off-shore orders and for which two factories have been specially built to produce barococks. This yielded more than 30 million dollars (about £10,000,000 sterling) in foreign exchange for Greece.

The industries which he controls cover a wide range. With some 11,400 workers and employees on their pay-roll, they produce arms, fertilisers, mineral ore, textiles, wines and spirits and are very interested in research for oil in Greece.

All are doing well, especially the Hellenic Co. of Chemical Products and Fertilisers, which has begun sending exports to the Middle East, mainly window-panes and glassware.

To Mr. Athanassiadis work is "fun." He does not let himself be lulled to sleep by his wealth. He leaves his villa in Psychico, Athens' smartest borough, and in one of his black Cadillacs is soon calling on his best friends—financiers, bank governors, cabinet ministers etc.—at their homes when they are just out of bed and still in their pyjamas.

His brain is said to be like a non-stop mechanism. He "feels" immediately whether or not a deal will pay a good dividend sooner or later. He has proved to have an extraordinary flair for business. He often buys the shares of a small enterprise which is on the verge of bankruptcy and in no time turns it into a prosperous industry.

He drinks very little but when he entertains friends and officials there is always plenty of bottles of the best French champagne.

Simple Manners

Simple in his manners, dressed without ostentation, he was once an habitué of the exclusive Athens Club. He likes to play bridge and if he loses he pays in gold sovereigns which seem to be easier to carry around. Since last year, his time involved more and more with business developments, he has ceased his appearances at the club. He has also given up smoking on his doctor's advice.

Mr. Athanassiadis has not limited his activities to Greece. He also controls enterprises in Cyprus such as the Hellenic Mines Co. Ltd., the Cyprus Wines and Spirits Co. Ltd., the Gypsum and Plasterboard Co., and the Cyprus Textiles Ltd., employing some 4,000 people.

His special favours have recently been surveying Ethiopia where the Greek industrial magnate is already planning the setting up of important industries which will take advantage of the raw material found there.

When he is tired of the intricacies of his multiple affairs he relaxes on his beautiful yacht with its yellow and black funnel, anchored at the small bay of Tourkolimano, near Piræus.—China Mail Special.

Damascus, July 3.
The Syrian parliament today formed a delegation to visit Russia on July 10 at the invitation of the plenipotentiary of the Supreme Soviet.

The delegation is made up of 16 members representing all parties.—Reuters.

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The Almost Invisible Traffic Signs

Following complaints that the Wanchai district is over-crowded with almost invisible "No Entry" traffic signs, a China Mail reporter and photographer toured the area last week.

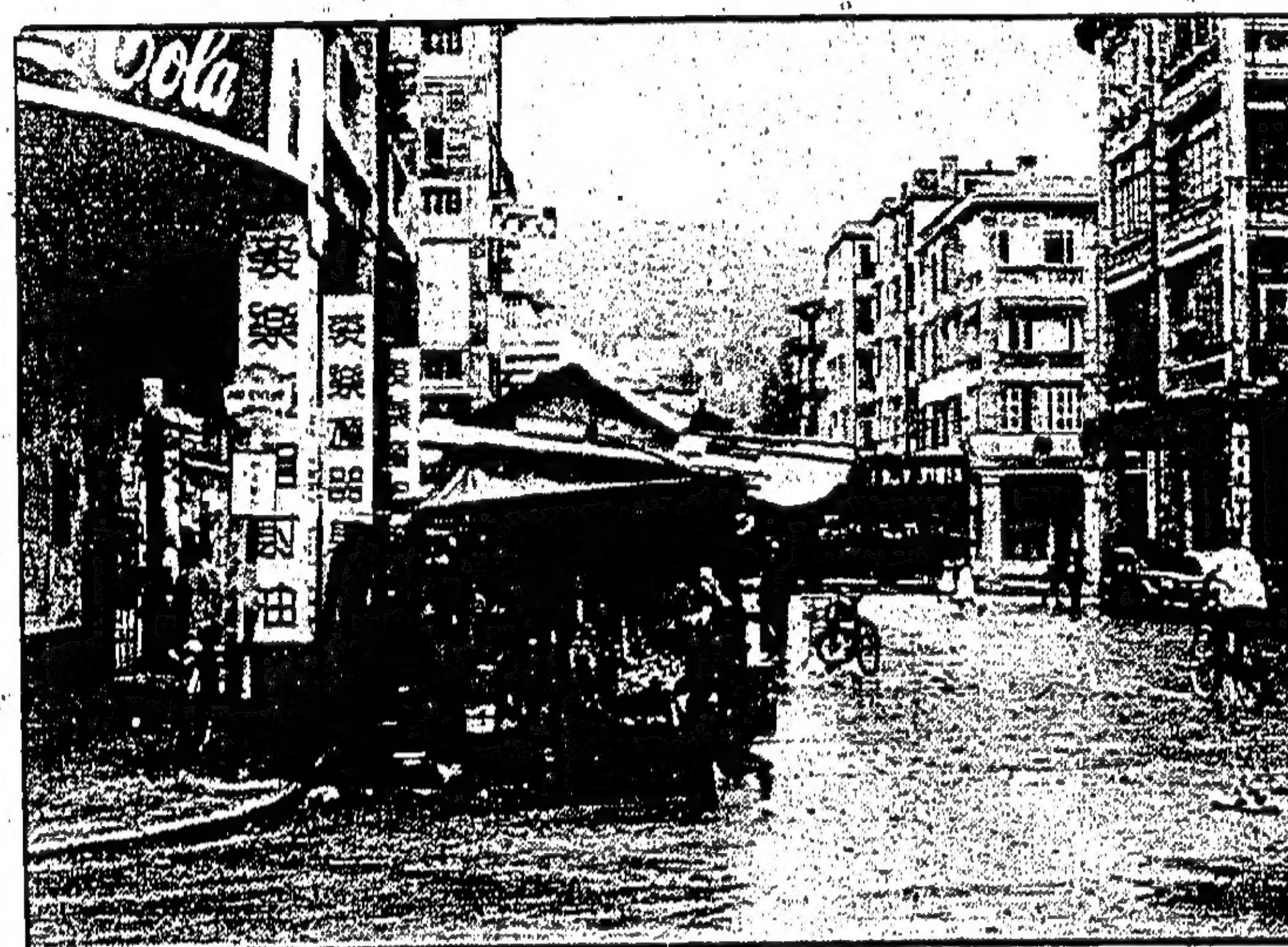
In many cases they found the complaints to be well founded. Side-roads branching off from Hennessy, Johnston and Queen's Roads bristled with the signs—but many were hidden behind opaque granite pillars and other obstructions; the paint on some was so badly chipped that the signs seemed to merge into backgrounds.

At one junction—Tennochy and Hennessy Roads—at least three private cars were spotted going through the "No Entry" sign within 10 minutes. The drivers could hardly be blamed, as the sign was practically invisible.

Driving eastwards along Queen's Road East, a taxi swung into Li Chi Street. He backed out hurriedly when a hawked pointed out a black-and-white pole of a traffic sign... its placard hidden completely under an awning.

One sign branching off another side road in Wanchai was set about six yards away from its junction with Queen's Road East. But that was not all; bamboo poles and awnings completely obscured the words.

Our pictures are illustrative. In two of them arrows have been added to help readers see where the signs are, and the third picture shows how a sign merges into the background of a decorated pillar.



PI Customs Official Coming Here

Manila, July 4. A ranking Philippine Customs official is scheduled to leave for Hongkong this morning to conduct a survey aimed at curbing the rampant undervaluation and misdeclaration of cargo by local importers.

The official, sent by the Customs Commissioner, Mr. Manuel Manahan, will also look into the procedures being followed by Philippine officials in Hongkong concerning the preparation of consular invoices, covering imported items.

Mr. Manahan said that he directed the official to confer with the Philippine Consul-General in Hongkong, Mr. F. Llamas, and also with Customs officials of the Hongkong Government.

It was reported that a quantity of Japanese goods which were exported to the Philippines passed through Hongkong to bypass a provision in the barter trade agreement between the Philippines and Japan.

Under this agreement, the importation of goods from Japan could be done only on a government-to-government basis, it was indicated. — France-Press.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6:00, Children's Half Hour presented by Sally Ann (Studio); 6:30, Australian Magazine; 6:45, Accent on Rhythm; 7:15, "Box 200" Bert Gillett at the Organ (OD); 7:30, "Announcer's Choice" presented by Donald Brooks (Studio); 7:55, Weather Report; 8:00, Time Signal and The News (London Relay); 8:05, Commentary (London Relay); 8:15, Special Announcements; 8:15, Jerome Kern Songs, Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians, Glen Gray and Orchestra; 8:30, Edmundo Ros and his Orchestra. A programme of Latin American music (BBC); 9:00, Time Signal, Collector's Corner presented by Robert Scott (Studio); 9:30, Elizabethan Theatre (Studio); 10:00, "So I Had Nothing Known" (BBC); 10:10, International Cabaret presented by Denise Barant (Studio); 10:30, Five Feet of Swing; 10:55, Weather Report; 11:00, Time Signal, Radio News Head (London Relay); 11:10, Goodnight Music; Good Save The Queen; 11:30, Close down.



Man On Armed Robbery Charge

Four doctors gave evidence this morning before Mr. T. Creegan at Kowloon Court when proceedings were taken against Lau Bun, 21, unemployed, charged with armed robbery resulting in injuries to one Chinese man and two Chinese women on March 31 on the 3rd floor of 21 Gascoigne Road, Kowloon.

DDI W. Watson was prosecuting.

Defendant was alleged to have used a triangular file about eight inches long to rob Lee Wing-bing, and Lam Yuk-Id of two wrist watches, \$115, one pair of socks, and one key of a total value of \$815.

The third person injured in the alleged robbery, was a woman, Lam Yuk-ping.

The doctors testified on the injuries sustained by the victims of the alleged robbery.

The case is proceeding.

July Fourth Celebrated

Fourteen United States warships with a combined personnel of about 5,000 officers and men are in port to celebrate July 4 with the American community here today.

The ships, all dressed overall for the occasion, included four destroyers and three patrol vessels. Her Majesty's warships are also dressed overall.

At noon 21-gun salutes were fired simultaneously from the USS Calvert moored at Admiralty buoy No. 1, and from HMS Tamar.

Four other American destroyers, the James E. Kyes, Eversole Higbee and Shelton, scheduled to arrive today, have been delayed.

Mr Holger Dreyer Seriously Ill

The many friends and business associates of Mr Holger Dreyer, principal partner in the firm of Dreyer and Company, will learn with concern that he is lying in Matilda Hospital seriously ill.

Mr Dreyer suffered a heavy fall at his home last Friday.

Piano Recital

Miss Vivienne Chiang, who will soon be leaving the Colony for France to continue musical studies at the Conservatoire de Musique at Lyon, will play on Radio Hongkong during the "French Half Hour" programme tomorrow at 7.30 p.m. She will play four pieces by Debussy, "Prelude", "Sarabande", "Juno Lullaby" and "Gradius at Parnassus".

FINED \$100

Pleading guilty to making a false declaration in material particulars, a 38-year-old clerk, Fung E. Tai, of 378, Main Street, West, first floor, was fined \$100 by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning.

On Saturday defendant went to the Department of Commerce and Industry and applied for permission to get some oil for one of his trucks saying that he had had no oil on board ship. This proved to be false.

DR NG YUK-KIN APPEALS AGAINST CONVICTION

Sequel To Re-trial In Rape Case

Dr Ng Yuk-kin, 50, medical practitioner who was found guilty on a charge of rape at his re-trial on May 3, appealed against conviction before the Full Court this morning.

Dr Ng was sentenced to five years by Mr Justice James Wicks. He was charged with an offence against Tam Shun, 25-year-old spinster, at his clinic in Nathan Road on August 28, 1954.

The appeal is based on seven grounds alleging, inter alia, that the learned re-trial Judge had no jurisdiction, that the verdict was against the weight of evidence and misdirection.

Dr Ng was found guilty of the offence at his first trial and sentenced to five years by Mr Justice Wicks. He appealed against conviction and the Full Court on April 18 quashed the conviction and ordered a new trial.

Dr Ng was not before the Court this morning but was in the precincts of the Court building. It was explained by his Counsel that Dr Ng felt there was no object in sitting in the dock to be stared at by particular people who Counsel alleged, came to Court for that purpose.

The Full Court comprises Mr Justice T. J. Gough (Acting Chief Justice), Mr Justice G. R. Gregg (Acting Senior Puisne Judge) and Mr Justice A. D. Scholles (Acting Puisne Judge). Mr Brock Bernacchi, instructed by Mr M. A. da Silva is appearing for the appellant. The Crown is represented by Mr Desmond Mayne, Acting Senior Crown Counsel.

REPLY TO JUDGE'S QUERY

Counsel said he agreed that in so submitting the order under which the Judge was acting was ultra vires the Ordinance but he could not see why the Court could not have jurisdiction to entertain such a submission.

NOT BOUND BY PREVIOUS ORDER

Counsel submitted that the Full Court was not in any way bound by its previous order and in his submission the principle was, if he was right, in saying that the previous order was a nullity, the mere fact that the Full Court made it did not give the second Trial Judge jurisdiction.

The first part of the appeal went to the jurisdiction of the learned Trial Judge at the second trial, he said. He submitted that the only question was: Was the second trial valid?

It was not made valid if the order was a nullity, nor was the Court bound by its previous decision in the matter, he submitted.

In answer to the Court, Mr Bernacchi said he was not appealing against the Court's decision. He was appealing on the ground that the second trial was a nullity from first to last.

Asked which Court would decide which of the two Full Courts was correct, Counsel said that in that respect the second decision would obviously affect the first decision. The point was not argued before the Court but was raised at the re-trial. This was a new Full Court sitting on an appeal from a trial. He said that the trial was a nullity and the reason was that the original order of the Full Court was without statutory authority.

DIDN'T WANT TO BE STARED AT

Before hearing commenced, the Chief Justice said he understood appellant was present in the precincts of the Court but did not wish to appear. Mr Bernacchi replied that that was correct. Counsel explained that that did not mean in any way show disrespect to the Court but his client felt there was no object in sitting in the dock to be stared at by particular people who, he alleged, came to the Court for that purpose.

Mr Bernacchi said that it seemed that under the Ordinance there was no necessity for an appellant to be present and Dr Ng's sole reason was he saw no reason why he should be stared at by these people.

Mr Bernacchi said that before he came to deal with the appeal he would like to say that whilst he was going to criticize the learned re-trial Judge's summing-up in various respects, he felt he should say that Mr Justice Wicks did his very best to be fair in the matter. He thought the learned Judge used the expression once or twice in the summing-up "I hope I am being fair."

In criticizing Mr Justice Wicks as he would do later, Mr Bernacchi said that it was obvious "to all of us in the Court that whilst the learned Judge had formed certain opinions on various facts, he was endeavouring to place the case fairly and squarely before the Jury."

Dealing with the first ground of appeal, he said that the first part involved two matters: the question of whether the order for re-trial was under the circumstances ultra vires, null and void; and the question of whether or not there was the necessary machinery under the circumstances which enabled Dr Ng to appear before Mr Justice Wicks on April 25 to stand his re-trial on an indictment which Counsel said was fully exhausted.

Counsel replied in the affirmative to the Chief Justice when asked if he was asking the Court to pronounce nullity. He was not asking the Court to quash it. The Court had allowed the appeal and in addition made a certain order which Counsel submitted was a nullity. He referred to the matter of Sun Ah-wan, 3 H.K. Law Reports which he said was incidentally authority that the Court had no power to award costs, with which he would deal on another aspect of his argument.

He said that before he left the Ordinance he would draw the Court's attention to the fact that the Full Court was given jurisdiction solely by this Ordinance and it was not given jurisdiction in old Courts such as the Crown Cases Reserved and the Court of Errors, etc.

He said before he proceeded further he would say that in England the old Court of Crown Cases Reserved, or the Court of Errors, etc. would order a new trial in cases where they did not offend against the principle that a man was not put in peril twice for the same thing.

Hearing is continuing.

Tax Defaulter To Pay Back \$11,686

S. Shewan, alias So Shiu-in, summonsed before Mr. Poon Yan-hoi at Central this morning for default of business profit and personal assessment tax, was ordered to pay the \$11,686.74 tax due as a fine.

The default of business profits tax was for the years of assessment 1949-1950, 1950-1951, 1951-1952 and 1953-1954, and personal assessment tax for the years of assessment 1950-1951 to 1953-1954 inclusive.

Mr R. J. Hardy, representing the Commissioner of Inland Revenue, prosecuted.

Mr A. de Anelli, Sr. pleaded guilty on behalf of the defendant and made an application for the fine to be paid in \$200 instalments.

He said that defendant's firm, which was started in 1929, was wrecked during the war years. Defendant had no money after the war but only his business connections.

In 1948 he met a man by the name of Mr. Kao. This man put \$200,000 into the business. However, unfortunately, Mr. Kao went into the bullion speculation, used all the money and disappeared.

The business ceased, and defendant was now a salaried employee, with \$450 per month and with an expected bonus of \$3,000. His monthly income was about \$700. He had a wife and one child to support.

The application was granted.

The Newcastle Returning

Her Majesty's cruiser Newcastle, flagship of Vice-Admiral R. F. Elkins, CB, CVO, OBE, Flag Officer, Second-in-Command, Far East Station, is due to return here this afternoon from operational duties in Malayan waters.

On entering harbour a 15-gun salute to the Admiral will be fired from HMS Tamar at 4.45 p.m.

The destroyer Concord and the submarine Telemachus are also due to arrive today.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"But, Mom! If all I play is Mozart, how far will I get in a jam session?"

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